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CHINA BLUES

DEAD TO Maclean's and John Fraser for his courage to leave a bubble created by China's many Western cheerleaders ("Watchers and moochers," *Wired*, April 7). All we are usually forced to buy are media in China is just about the greatest miracle on earth, and if we just shut up and act as if they're just paying and enjoying people for what they think. And maybe, finally stop using microwave guns for crowd control. The sale, visible much to a report to rival Stalin's killing machine his managers to know was the 21st century. We in the West must speak for all those under the thumb of the Communists and tell our governments to demand more from China. Stop ignoring the excesses of the world's worst human rights abuser, stop sucking up to get subsidized trade deals, and demand that China's leadership change their ways. Or else we stop buying their products.

Larry Page, Colton East, Ont.

HERE IN CANADA we are misled by both our mass media and, by extension, a type that can either just as much point and suffer. An enlightened person who knows every thing, but understands nothing, including the difference between change and progress. They're the elites among our business and political classes who have decided it would be a good idea to open trade with the world's most corrupt, most violent, most violent of free men and women, pushing our welfare of free men and women against work, leading to massive layoffs and a program to drive us domestic manufacturing. They fully have left us dependent on imports of shoddy, dangerous goods that give new meaning to the word Chinese junk. When the 1499 DVD player you bought breaks down imperially after a few months, take a look inside. You will discover an important truth about modern China: internal class bargains are usually filled with parts and components that look like they were installed in a house by tired, ill-equipped and poorly paid workers under conditions of little or no quality control (which they were), and worse, were locally sourced, a cover for the presence of substituting inferior or counterfeit parts for those supplied by the companies whose brand name the product bears, the originals having been diverted for use by the Chinese military.

And this writing, Canada has lost the touch

ology required to make TV sets, telephones, washing machines, clothes dryers and many other things we used to manufacture here to our own, better standards.

Robert Smith, Ottawa

JOHN FRASER MAY BE an expert on China, but he seems to have a very short memory. It's still within the lifetime of an individual that China was involved in a financial meltdown in the middle of a terrible civil war, and was run by a corrupt warlord. Millions died from hunger, betrayal and war. A little more before that, China was under

to help create conditions in China that will increase the level of dissatisfaction in a more people person. The way things are going, one day we will find that mountains are backing us. At that point, either we will become the slaves ourselves or there will be a war to end all wars.

Jackie John, Calgary

WHILE I DON'T AGREE with everything the Chinese government does, one has to keep in mind the vast poverty of most of the huge country as well as the tremendous differences between the old China, which still exists in much of the country, and the new China. Change there must happen slowly and carefully. The world could not handle a China torn apart from within. Any kind of ethnic cleansing would make Bosnia and Rwanda look like a school playground fight. Better to let the Chinese people come to the realization on their own that things are not exactly what they seem to be in their world, instead of expecting the outside world to do it. In Canada or anywhere else, people are prepared to handle what would surely be the world's worst disaster should the Chinese people suddenly revolt en masse? There is no black and white anyone except in Fraser's mind.

Brian Mahoney, Scarborough, Ont.

SPREADING AN ALLEGATION of fraud, I would like to remind John Fraser that religion and politics do not mix. A religious leader such as the Dalai Lama is certainly entitled to his own political viewpoint, but he should not preach politics since he is not a candidate for governing an autonomous state. We see similar political aspirations. If the Western media is not hypocritical, then the Dalai Lama and those Muslim clerics should be recognized with the same considerations. More importantly, if the Dalai Lama is the peaceful person I hope he is, why does he not come forth to denounce some of his radical followers who took part in the violent riot in Tibet? They have burned shops with innocent civilians trapped within and vandalized holy infrastructure out of desperation, but the end still does not justify the means. Fraser's article actually adds fuel to the fire of the Tibetan crisis, instead, he digresses into his own critique on ideology. His willing judgment and unbalanced polemic public statements



the church and the emperor's new clothes (Japan, Russia, Britain, France, United States, Germany, Italy and Austria-Hungary) that ruthlessly put down the Boer rebellion, an anti-forgiveness, anti-imperialist aping. And a lifetime before that, there was the First Opium War, fought between China and the British East India Company. The issue? To force China to import British opium.

China is a progression of history and is not a thing to be feared. It has finally started to act with discipline and self-interest. It has nothing to apologize to the West for and the West has a lot to apologize for to China.

Freddie Hillier, Grand Forks, B.C.

I AM AFRAID we will not make a difference by being mostly a witness. We have to stop helping the Chinese by supporting their economy and turning our eyes away from their shortcomings outside China. We have

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Windy Kiang, Vancouver

BECAUSE OF RAPIDLY improving living standards, Chinese people's satisfaction with their government is higher than those in Western countries in spite of the lack of democracy, terrible pollution, controlled press and limited religious freedom. John Fraser's problem is he described a Maoist China that no longer exists. He is too ethnocentric. Modern Tibet activists are better off than our miners here in Canada in terms of their job satisfaction, drug and alcohol addiction, sex education, school graduation, and welfare dependency. Though lauded, Tibetan religious freedoms are higher than Chinese Christians. We should listen to the Dalai Lama. Tibetan autonomy within China, no Olympic boycott, and no racial riots. China has a long way to go but the Chinese are not monsters. Commentator China will change because change is the only constant.

Dr. K. K. Wan, Vancouver

A DOLL'S HOUSE

YOUR ARTICLE ABOUT reform dolls must have the wrong heading. Surely "It's not a doll. It's a baby" (Society, April 7) must be a reprint. You must have meant: "It's not a baby. It's a doll." And the story about women who "adopt" a doll to "fill a void"? My God, all the rest of us? What about the void in the bellies of the 10,000 to 40,000 children who die everyday from disease and malnutrition? Are people so devoid of common sense that they can't see that if they have an extra \$250 to \$500 to spend they have a responsibility to help those who need it? They are? What kind of mother raised their son? Women up? Please, let's stop this madness.

Sandra Bravetta, Fort Frances, Ont.

GREASY AND WEIRD, that's what I say about greasy women who love little dolls. My advice: spend time with real people, enjoying a real life.

Wendy Victoria Abernethy, Little Current, Manitowish Island, Ont.

KINGS OF THE HILL

IN DISCUSSING Canada's present grand coalition, Paul Wells goes all the way back to the Berdies as far as a comparison, completely ignoring the present period of coalition governments (74 grand coalition? It's in Ottawa, not Berlin), Oppenheimer, March 11). In 1962, the Liberals brought the Progressive Conservatives to minority status. A year later, Lester B. Pearson introduced a minority government and was another minority government in



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1967 that lasted until 1968. Pearson made this grand coalition work in the face of the bawdiest and slightly eccentric John Diefenbaker and the brilliant socialist Tommy Douglas. Between '67 and '68, the Pearson government facilitated some of the most important legislation of the 20th century, including the new Canadian flag, unemployment insurance and much more. Pearson

chose a right on target ("What it will really take to stop global warming," *Environment*, April 7). *Environment* continues to rise sharply in Canada and most of the world. Our little efforts to cut emissions aren't doing it. However, his dissenting lot of what it will take to win the battle is missing an essential strategy: consuming fewer fossil fuels. Before anyone blames this effort as a back-to-the-oven-duties

would think that industry, mindless consumers, and politicians might share the blame. **Andrew McGowan, Toronto**

IN COLIN CAMPBELL'S STORY, my quote was misinterpreted as implying that environmentalists only began to take into account economic implications of climate change since the publication of Sir Nicholas Stern's report.

To the contrary, what I expressed was that it is mainstream economists who for the past 30 years ignored the economic consequences of environmental degradation, especially climate change. Only since Sir Nicholas Stern's report have they really begun to consider the economic consequences of climate. Environmentalists have, in fact, been proposing market-based solutions to far back in 1889 when the entire Canadian environmental community proposed that the Mulroney government adopt a carbon tax. Economists have finally begun to see climate change as a real threat to their contribution. This is well known, it's just unfortunate that it has taken them so long. **Emile Moorhouse, Atmosphere and Energy Campaigner, Sierra Club of Canada, Ottawa**



IT TAKES ALL KINDS, not just bad mothers, to have a lingering effect on us, a readership. Almost instant

used his great diplomatic skills to govern the country very well. I have no qualms in saying all my life, but I have no qualms in saying he was the greatest prime minister this country has ever had. Talking about great countries how could you do better with three of the greatest prime ministers in history, Pearson, Diefenbaker and Douglas? The borders are painted by comparison. **Al Wapley, Ramer, Ont.**

MOTHERLOAD

WISHTO QUANTIFY Stephen Poitras to write a book about mother types ("Which mother raised you up?" *Wife*, April 7) Obviously his publication saw a lucrative coupe—blaming mothers for everything that ails you this morning is an old game. I thought that whap ping home had been put to rest once and for all, based on careful research done by qualified psychologists. It seems we live in a new era, where every Joe is qualified to spout about anything that comes through. But not around, mothers are not that omnipresent there's fathers (present or absent), other significant adults and, very importantly, sociocultural influences that affect on all. **Renee Harnack, St. John's, Nfld.**

CHANGING THE WORLD

COLIN CAMPBELL'S role-writer on the face article on our long battle against climate

change is right on target ("What it will really take to stop global warming," *Environment*, April 7). *Environment* continues to rise sharply in Canada and most of the world. Our little efforts to cut emissions aren't doing it. However, his dissenting lot of what it will take to win the battle is missing an essential strategy: consuming fewer fossil fuels. Before anyone blames this effort as a back-to-the-oven-duties would think that industry, mindless consumers, and politicians might share the blame. **Andrew McGowan, Toronto**

OUR WRITER NEGLECTED to mention the incredible opposition to the Kyoto Protocol by many industries, the United States and even provinces within Canada. And while the article did inventory some of the current efforts and challenges to address carbon pricing, the development of new technologies and broad efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, it concluded that the issue of climate-change fatigue would be the biggest failure of the environmental movement. One

IN PASSING

Charles Huxton, 84, actor He started as a male model before becoming synonymous with teenage boys of the 1950s and '60s such as *The Tins* Commandments, *For Mar* (for which he won an Academy Award) and *The Agency* and *die Factory*. Last in life he became a high profile activist for the U.S. National Rifle Association.

Beryl Plouffe, 99, economist In the 1970s, she headed the prime minister's office. Trade-wis's Food Prices Review Board as well as the Anti-Inflation Board. She became a high profile businessman who preferred speaking to the public through the media rather than receiving accolades in Ottawa.



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A WEEK IN THE LIFE OF ELLEN PAGE

The Oscar-nominated *Juno* star landed on the cover of the latest *Teen* magazine, in time to promote her new film *Smart People*, out on Apr. 13. Ever the indie girl, Page says of her fashion sense, "I'm a thug, really." On Tuesday, a second *Juno* soundtrack, with vocals by Page, was released on iTunes. "There's the one—the gay question continues to stump gossip writers," she's making people talk by not giving definitive answers about her sexuality," wrote *The Village Voice*'s Michael Muir.

Good news

(Not) taking stock
Her business has been taking plenty of bumps in the past of late—namely so, with the U.S. economy stumbling toward recession. So, it's only appropriate that several CEOs are stopping up to share in the turmoil. So far, the CEOs of Google and U.S. companies have declined business for their performance last year, and analysts expect Dow Jones will follow suit. Canadian Prime Minister Jean Charest, CEO of Warner Music Group, has also declined to continue \$1.8-billion payout. Sure, critics will see these as hollow gestures to quell criticisms of their performance. But at the very least, it suggests some CEOs understand the long agony of accepting a reward for poor results in such turbulent times.

Super Speedos

At last Sunday's Olympic trials in Montreal, the Canadian men's 400-metre relay team swam nearly three seconds off its previous national record—thanks, some say, to their new Speedos. Since the full body LZR Racer Speedos was unveiled in February, the world records have fallen 16 of them broken by athletes. David Squire, LZR Racer, wearing the international governing body, has approved the LZR for Beijing as long as all athletes have access to them, but the Chinese team isn't buying into the hype. "A swimmer doesn't

generate champions," a top Chinese swimmer told reporters last year.

Bridging divides

It was a good week for ministerial accountability in Kelowna, B.C., the city of 110,000. Bennett Bridge is so far ahead of schedule that B.C. Transportation Minister Kevin Falcon promised to "jump off" it if it doesn't.

FACE OF THE WEEK



FIRED, ALMOST! Singer Peter Dinklage up his win, including *Album of the Year*, at last Sunday's Juno ceremony in Calgary.

open on time. But a politician's words can return to haunt, we learned. A video surfaced showing Saskatchewan Premier Ernie Eby and Tory MP Tim Lohmeier at a 1991 campaign party making crude and insolent comments, both quickly and laughably apologized, though neither offered to jump off a bridge.

Bad news

Doesn't hold water

After the 2000 disaster in Whitecourt, Ont., in which seven people died and thousands of others fell ill after drinking contaminated public water, Canadians were shocked that such a thing could happen here, in a country that controls a significant portion of the world's freshwater resources. And yet a shocking report in the latest issue of the

fact is we don't make universal improvements, we could find ourselves with a two-tier system of water supply, "roughly split along the urban rural divide."

Rotten by nature

Maybe there is a biological explanation for evil men like Hitler. According to a scientist in Jerusalem, rabid, anti-social behavior—from mass murder to corporate greed—is rooted in a single tiny gene. AYRI. No need to test Robert Mugabe's DNA. Zimbabwe's dictator is an infant as he comes. More than a week after his country's election, in which he was dethroned the last, the 84-year-old still refused to release the results.

No scrub, no love

From the "most art piece" of social science, a new study has confirmed what many were already knowing: husband equals mass homicide. According to researchers at the University of Michigan, the average woman spends an entire seven hours a week cleaning up after her man. Took bad men aren't haven't figured out what the women know: that a husband who cleans up after his wife is a husband who scores. As a result, the study's authors urged women to stop cleaning up after their husbands.

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CAPITAL DIARY

BOAS COURTESY OF BELINDA

The Liberals welcomed their newest MPs to Ottawa at a "Red Tuesday" party. Bob Rae, Martha Hall Findlay and Joyce Mary were treated to speeches, gourmet meals, deep fried foods, and some out-of-control cheerleaders at Hockey's pub. The day before, at Rae's Michael Ignatieff on the day. One reporter called it a "Judas kiss," but perhaps Rae was still in election mode after campaigning for months in his riding, which includes Canada's largest city. No one quite knows how the photographer's wife was obstructed and the TV camera was focused elsewhere. "Bob's really off, so," noted Ignatieff off at the pub. Red further back at the pub were provided courtesy of Belinda Stronach's consultancy office. They were left over from a previous event. The last Liberal leadership candidate without a seat, Gerald Kennedy, was also in attendance. He is now the Liberal's anti-gay ministerial spokesman, which means he is up against Tory cabinet minister Ron Ambrose. Kennedy is confident he can take Ambrose on all except one wing. Ambrose doesn't give up, and that has a big up on Kennedy, who confesses flexibility is not his strong point.

VOULEZ-VOUS COUCHER AVEC FLAKERT?

The dress code was "urban chic" at the Canadian Jewish Political Affairs Committee's Action party, held at the Mayaguez Courtyard. Coffee Toronto's Harlan Laan had about none of the stress dress sported anything close to urban chic. Only a few Tory MPs and one Liberal were invited. Jeff



NEW MP Joyce Mary with leader Stéphane Dion (clockwise from top), MP Martha Hall Findlay, federal finance minister Jim Flaherty, MP Larry Brown, MP Joseph Volpe and Justin Trudeau in Toronto, Gerald Kennedy, Michael Ignatieff at welcome bash.

Webster inspired a fairly long short and Patrick Brown had pitches on jeans purchased in Thailand. Pierre Poehlein tried to talk it up by putting his collar up. Justin Trudeau wore a khaki green T-shirt under a sweater jacket. It was suits for everyone else such as Scott Brison, Joe Volpe, and the cabinet minister who showed up. The lyrics "Violet was couching over me,

(singer) "I'm the Moshie King version of the song Lady Maccabae was blasting when it was announced that Finance Minister Jim Flaherty and Health Minister Margaret Jackson Kennedy had arrived. Kennedy was on the plane the next day to attend the funeral of William F. Buckley on behalf of the government and probably did not get the same into music there.

DYKIN STAYING ON LIBERAL TEAM

Ken Dryden's side Cory Poiré leads a busy April 1st's Day fielding calls from media outlets over a job offer from the NHL. "Ken Dryden's agent GM president Maple Leaf." Also on April 1st's Day, Rodger Cameron continued several of his Liberal MP colleagues to send congratulatory messages to 58-year-old Yukon MP Larry Raggatt. The first to send a message was Donatien LeBlanc. Raggatt was shocked because his much younger wife is, in fact, pregnant, but he had not told anyone. He let all the messages come through and then on Day announced the news on the Liberal mass meeting. His message in the House, Mark Hyland, recalled Raggatt was talking on his BlackBerry and checking behind him sent a white back during a vote. Hyland now learned it was Raggatt's wife calling with almost certain results.

THE GAMES MEN'S PLAY

NDFMP Peter Stoffer has put the call out to his fellow MPs for the year's longest tournament against the party's monetary gains as well as a game against the arena orders, which only happens every three years or so. The response for the game match has been strong, but no one has signed up for the arena match game. Stoffer tried to be indulgent, saying the arena "volley" game is not until June, while the game match is in May. Another later might be at work. The party again got created, whereas last time the MPs played the ambassadors "they kicked our ass," admits Stoffer. "It was bad 7 to 1."

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ANDREW
COYNE

The Mulroney-Schreiber affair long ago ceased to be about Mulroney, or Schreiber—or Arbois, for that matter. As the year passed—years at RCMP ban ping, journalism indifference, and administrative legal proceedings, years, even after we knew that the former prime minister of Canada was taking hundreds of thousands of dollars in cash from a man who boasts of his success at building politicians—and as the ethics committee fumbled its way through an own farcical hearings, a became apparent that there was really only one question that demanded an answer: are we for real?

In this sacred country, with a real justice system and a functioning public force and the sort of institutional checks and balances that can provide some assurance in the not paying public that they are not being forced blind? Orally given the Third World cost there is it really possible that a clutch of Greens and apostates and their political partners could have poured millions of dollars into this country through that mechanizable spigot, Karlheinz Schreiber, that they could have expended no fewer than millions of dollars in government bonuses and in taking down a national party leader, and no one would be held to account?

Well, now we have our answer: yes. It is possible. Or perhaps that's too far. We are not a sacred country. With the final report of the Prime Minister's independent adviser, David Johnston, landing just 48 hours after the report of the ethics committee on which it was supposedly based, it is now clear: we are never going to get to the bottom of this. There's never going to be a real inquiry into this business—only a pretend one.

One opposed the ethics committee report to be a myth, though not quite such an underhanded ploy—a high schooler might have done better in a couple of hours on Google—as it

proved to be. The committee makes just one recommendation that the premier's public inquiry should be given "a broad mandate" just so. But it backs it up with exactly no analysis, other than to say that "a politically charged inquiry" should not be limited in scope "It should be broad, because it should not be narrow. Thanks, guys."

So when professor Johnston confesses that, although he barely had time to skim the committee's report, he nonetheless had "an adequate opportunity to converse it," it's hard to fault him there. The rest of his report, though, is a different matter. Like his first effort, of which the second is largely a rip-off, it simply leaves one slack-jawed—the cliché resuscitating, the elation of apparent fact, the social leavening—there is no because one had expected so much more of him.

The first part ended heavily, ended even-weighed, on the assertion that there was

The idea any government, let alone this one, would hold secret hearings is breathtaking



no need for a broad-based inquiry—one that would so those Justice Mulroney-Schreiber dealings as the centre of Schreiber's remarkable winning streak in the government promotion game at his funding of the Trump-Clark campaign in the 1983 Conservative leadership review, of the sufficient cause in because the RCMP had already investigated their various dealings, valued for "highly" years. It was, he said, "well-told ground."

But there was no excessive, eight-year RCMP investigation. The form did not pick up the file until 1997, seven years after the Airbus contract was signed. It did not interview Schreiber until 1999. It did not get into the details of his dealings, after the fact of 1995 letter of request to the Swiss authorities, until 2000. The lead investigator was reassigned in mid-2000. And, contrary to

repeated assertion, they did not hand down the cash payments. They did hand down, nothing more. They only finally learned of their existence after they were reported as the Globe and Mail in the fall of 2000. That was so explicit after they'd shut down the investigation.

The second report adds several new layers to this drama underfoot. Johnston does not appear especially perturbed by the parallel of witnesses to have contradicted Mulroney's favorite tale of his international dealings on behalf of Bear Head Industries—selling armoured vehicles that hadn't been made in a factory that he claims to have cancelled to countries that didn't want them, who were in any case ineligible under legislation he passed. Nor is the revelation that several of Mulroney's close associates were paid substantial sums for lobbying the Mulroney gov-

ernment on Bear Head's behalf grounds, in Johnston's submission, for not asking them in due inquiry.

He suggests that the inquiry was as powerful to force Schreiber to produce all of the documents in his possession—that takes no time—recommending with regard to Mulroney's tax records, which the former prime minister has refused to produce. He dismisses any thoughts of delving into the propriety of Mulroney's \$1-million loan settlement.

Strongest of all is Johnston's recommendation that parts of the inquiry be held in secret—"as a more efficient matter"—a proposal

he justifies by comparison to the Air India, SARS and similar inquiries. The notion of these other inquiries to shed, as this one does, on fundamental questions of trust to government. The idea that any government, let alone one as close to Mulroney as this one, would hold secret hearings on such a sensitive matter is not headbanging.

There remain the rare animal contradictions in Johnston's second report as in his first. I've confined the inquiry exclusively to Mulroney's latest dealings with Schreiber, if we say it of all cases, even it becomes precisely what Mulroney's apologists demand a private business deal between two ordinary citizens. In which case there would be no grounds for an inquiry of any kind. ■

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Silly, sillier, silliest: the absurd politics of the Games



ANDREW POTTER

imagined arrives on its marks, the Olympic torch relay may well have been completely derided.

The torch was scheduled to arrive in San Francisco on Wednesday, an event that promised to be even more violent than the relay in London (where 37 people were arrested) and Paris, where a few dozen more were arrested and thousands of anti-China demonstrators forced officials to cancel the last segment of the run.

No, certainly not what the Chinese were hoping for. But at the least they could have expected, given that China's bid for the 2008 Games was fraught with political overtones as all sides for the Chinese, winning the Games was supposed to be sign of its acceptance into the international community. For the IOC and the delegates from the West who voted for Beijing, the Games were to serve as a wedge that would help crack China open and encourage it to get its act together on human rights.

The problem is that there are exactly opposite goals: China wanted the Games as an affirmation of its policies, while the West gave it the Games because we thought that would motivate China to change. It does not seem to have occurred to anyone at the time that this was except for serious conflict, of which the torch relay disruptions are merely the opening skirmish. The only question then is whose reaction to the games has been more deserving of contempt: the athletes, the politicians, or the IOC itself?

Let's start with the athletes, whose attitude varies between colonial meanness and blanketed self-interest. The line that has

emerged is that a boycott would be wrong because—in the words of IOC president Jacques Rogge—it would penalize "successful athletes." *hush*

In a recent interview with the Ottawa Citizen, insider Sue Holloway described her despair when she learned that Canada would be boycotting the Moscow Olympics in 1980, where she was scheduled to be Canada's flagbearer for the opening ceremonies. After learning that the athletes could have made



Harper won't attend the opening ceremony for 'personal reasons.' How disingenuous.

a stronger statement by going to Moscow and showing what "free choice" was all about, Holloway added, "The majority of athletes want to go as athletes and don't have political statements to make. It's when who are making it a political event, not the athletes, so why punish the athletes?"

Right. So that athletes are political players, except when they're not.

Look, the Olympic Games have always had political agendas. As may be true, as the Wall Street Journal wrote in an editorial published during the 2004 Athens Games, that the chief appeal of the Olympics is that, of all the penny wars fought between the forces of freedom and the forces of totalitarianism, synchronized diving and rhythmic gymnastics are probably the most benignly error-tolerant. But this does not alter the fact that Olympic athletes are ideological foot soldiers. Asking "why punish the athletes?" is as foolish as asking why soldiers are always the ones who get killed in battle.

Then there are the politicians. For three disingenuous years, we tried to rush Stephen Harper, who has already announced that while he won't be attending the opening ceremony in Beijing, it's a "personal decision."

Meanwhile, the Canadian government is still considering a full boycott, as are the Germans, the French, and the Americans.

But the more to take a stand against China was back when they were awarded the Games in 2001. China's position toward Tibet or on human rights has not essentially changed over the past seven years, and if Canada had proclaimed with it, we should have immediately renounced that we would refuse to participate. By waving now, we send a signal to the protesters that they are on the right track; all they need to do is keep reaching up the pressure, and then Canada will bail.

Finally, there's the IOC itself, which does not seem to grasp the external contradictions at the heart of the Olympic movement. That core contradiction was beautifully expressed by IOC president Rogge on Monday, as he reacted to the scattering of the torch relay by expressing both his reservations about China's behaviour in Tibet and his belief that the protesters were not in the Olympic spirit. "The Inter-

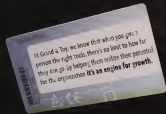
national Olympic Committee has expressed its serious concerns and calls for a rapid, peaceful resolution in Tibet," Rogge said from Beijing. "Violent protests, he added, "for whatever reason," are "not compatible with the values of the torch relay or the Olympic Games."

But just what values is Rogge talking about? The "brotherhood of man" principles of the Olympic movement sound like Reagan if it were written by a European Union functionary, but it's hard to ignore that with all the uniforms, flag-marting and anthem playing, which thousands of people have peered over over the years) is more "Brother of the GM" than it is Auldrepe anyway.

The lesson is with the protesters, who are the only ones involved under no illusions as to what is going on. The international pro-Tibet movement has been waiting for due for seven years, biding its time and quietly organizing. Now that the moment has arrived, they have declared all-out war on the Chinese regime, and there will be no let-up until the flame is extinguished in Beijing on Aug. 24. ■

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'The game can drive you crazy. It gives a fleeting look at what you possibly could achieve. And the next minute it's gone.'

DAVID LEADBETTER TALKS TO MICHAEL FRISCOLANTI ABOUT TEACHING PRESIDENTS, PROS, AND THE 'INSTRUCTIONALLY CHALLENGED'

Known simply as "the golf guru," David Leadbetter has spent a lifetime teaching what people to play for at least five years, the hardest game ever invented. Some of the world's top golfers—from Ernie Els to Nick Faldo to 18-year-old phenom Michelle Wie—swear by his advice. A pitchman for Callaway Golf, Leadbetter owns and operates more than two dozen instructional schools around the world, including a state-of-the-art facility in Woodside, B.C.

Q How many with the vast knowledge you have, which is why am I so bad at golf?
A: Laughing/Well, you're probably just one of the many hundreds of thousands of people that play this game, that really make it on TV and say "Wow, these guys make it look so easy?" And we all know that the golfing to my greatest interest, and in order to produce power and consistency, there's a lot of factors that go into it. First of all, you have to have a lot of athletic ability, great hand-eye coordination, and having said that, even with those qualities you have to work at the game. It takes a lot of practice, and what these great players are able to do throughout all the practicing and playing that they do—is build a repeatable swing. And that's what many golfers aren't able to do.

Q Is that the big thing that differentiates the teacher from the pro? It's all about time? Or obviously the talent level comes into it to a large extent, but you've got to put the

time in. You see all these pros on TV hitting these magical bunker shots and chip shots, but these guys have practiced them for hours. So when you get the average golfer who doesn't have any time to practice and just rushes out onto the golf course, it's really not so surprising that people find this game difficult. So it's like anything, if you put a little time in you get a lot out of it.

Q People often refer to you as "the golf guru." Is that a title you ever get used to?

A: It's a nice accolade. I've been doing this for a long time with all sorts of different levels of players, but the fact of the matter is I'm still learning. That's the great thing about it. There's so much to know about the mind and how it works, and now there's big studies in biomechanics to see how we can help people. We're in a technologically advanced age, and we're sort of combining and dissecting everything we know at. But the danger with golf is that we over-think and get into the old syndrome of "paralysis through analysis."

Q Very true. So it is really that bad, then, for me to just stand there on the tee and say "Forget this, I'm going to swing the driver as hard as I can and see what happens?"

A: A lot of people do it for themselves as well. And so the reason why you take the old lesson, the reason why you go and practice, is so when you get out on the golf course your thought process should be "Okay, I'm just going to hit the ball to the target." You can't stand up there, and up in a knot about doing this and doing that,

because you can't play golf like that.

Q You've written eight books, and we have Golf Digest magazine and all the other golf mags come out there. How can we possibly get through all that information?

A: The volume of material out there is just ridiculous—just to get that little white ball on the hole. You can certainly get suffocated by all the material. In the end, if you want to play good golf you've got to keep it simple, and that's why there's nothing better than having a one-on-one lesson. Yeah, you might get the odd tip from a magazine and that can help, but generally speaking it's best to get with somebody who actually knows what they're talking about. But golfers are junkies—they're always looking for something that they think is going to help them.

Q Where you look back on your career and all that you've accomplished, is it fair to say that you're such a great teacher, but never succeeded as a professional player?

Q I think you're right. Obviously I'd rather be a world-class player than a world-class teacher. When I was 14 years old playing golf I didn't think "Well, I want to be a great teacher." I just wanted to go out and play, but you realize that there's only a certain number of players that are going to be successful. The number of people that play golf around the world and the number of people that make a living out of it are two far and far between. The dream game can drive you crazy, you know?

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Q: Why does his game drive us so crazy?
A: Because it terrifies us, it gives a fleeting look at what you possibly could achieve. And yet the next minute it's gone. You're always living in that hope that maybe I can get first looking back. And this applies for even the true players. Some of the best players in the world are saying "It just doesn't feel right today, my rhythm isn't right, there's just something missing."

Q: Now must get stopped almost every day by a stranger asking for advice?

A: And in the most strange places, too—like malls. "The guy beside me will say, 'Hey, aren't you David Leadbetter?' Can you help me with my grip?" I say "Well, not right now, but yeah." It's fun, though. People think that maybe I have the secret, and I sort of say "Yeah, I do have the secret, but I only let it out occasionally—and for the right price."

Q: What is the right price, David?

A: Well, I'm a bit like Robin Hood because I rob from the rich to give to the poor. I've got a lot of academies around the world, close to 50, but I don't have the time to be in one location. I do give instruction on a limited basis, and maybe is \$10,000 a day. It's expensive, absolutely, but I spend a lot of time with that person. On the other hand, I get a lot of kids or young pros who can't afford it and I'll basically work with them for nothing, so, you know, it just depends.

Q: And someone willing to pay \$10,000 for your time already can afford a 10,000.

A: Exactly.
Q: Does that put extra pressure on you when you're not trying to have a nice, fun round of golf with friends? Do you feel as though you have to let every shot perfectly because that's what people would expect?

A: It does. The fact is everybody expects you to hit it like Mike. Oh, and you think, "Jeez." But to the old saying goes "Those that can, do. Those that can't, teach."

Q: Is that true?

A: To some extent it's bit of a joke, really, but there are some very fine players who've never fulfilled their potential and teach, and there's also some very fine players who play for a living and couldn't teach words a dime because they can't communicate. So it's definitely a different branch of the profession.

Q: Mike Weir's Canadian must responsible golfer. The whole country celebrated his victory at the Masters. But it seems like he may have peaked. Do you think he has the talent to win another major jacket?

A: He's definitely got that mentality. He's very serious and he's very focused. You could maybe say he's a bit limited from a physical

standpoint—he's short guy—but he has a decent length and he's an excellent wedge player. But unfortunately he's living in the age of Tiger Woods, and so everybody is sort of looking at him. With Tiger, it's constant. He's getting better and better every year and he works on skills weekdays.

Q: And there are some who believe Tiger will smother each year in his competition.

A: No. He keeps everything else at bay. There is some special trait that he has. I don't know really what it is. He is incredible in the way that he's able to do things under pressure. He was just born for this.

Q: How much laser Tiger and his peers have shed from technology that players like Jack Nicklaus and Arnold Palmer just didn't have? It seems that their days the clubs and the balls are so implemented that they actually do most of the work, and that golf is becoming a lot more like, say, Formula One racing.

A: Well, tell you what, if Tiger was using technology, he'd win. Now, technology has helped to get things more precise. A lot of younger players, their technique has changed some what from the old days because now they're going at the ball so much faster because the clubs are more stable and more forgiving. It's not the precision game used to be. So Tiger has certainly benefited from technology, but he's the sort of player that, technology or no technology, he would have been great.

Q: How are you comfortable with all the improvements that have been made in the equipment? Are the clubs as advanced now that the vintage of the game has suffered?

A: No, would say they're making golfers more absolute, but how do you stop progress? People would still be driving around in on drawn carts or something, wouldn't they? Besides, we're golf is a difficult game. The standard of golf hasn't really improved so any great stance. I mean, you, they hit more good shots and they probably hit some longer ones, and it's a little bit more forgiving, but golf is still very much a technique-oriented game.

Q: Why can't just handle the players on the PGA Tour? Golfers complain when a spectator snaps a photo during his swing, just a ban-hall player has to endure all kinds of noise while trying to hit a 450-mile-an-hour pitch.

A: Traditionally, golf has always been a sport where you play in silence, and there's etiquette involved, and there's respect involved, and personally I think that's nice. I think it's a nice link to the past that hey, this is a place where you haven't got cell phones buzzing or shouting and screaming. Golf is a gentleman's sport, and I think that's the way it should be.

Q: Are some people simply antithetical because their golf game is just so bad?

A: We get the odd person who, yeah, is just

an "intrinsically challenged." There are some people who have quite steady, who have created habit through the years that are very difficult to change. And, yeah, there are people who hardly you could say "Well, listen, listen might be your game, because it's a much bigger surface."

Q: Maybe they could work as caddies?

A: Right, exactly.

Q: How old are you?

A: I'm 35 now.

Q: Do you do any personal training as a life of golf, or will you do something else?

A: (Laughs) I'll always be involved in golf to some extent. It's a great sport, and it's fun, it's allowed me to travel to fantastic places, to meet great people, to socialize with people. I wouldn't do otherwise because I've taught presidents, prime ministers, kings and movie stars so that's the beauty of the



'Golfers are junkies—always looking for something that they think is going to help them'

sport. It does bring all sorts of people together, all walks of life, all sorts of persuasions and all sorts of beliefs. You even get odd odds his name, the ruler of North Korea.

Q: Kim Jong-il? He's a golfer?

A: They've got one golf course in North Korea, and he was reported to show, for 18 holes, something like 11—well, about 10 holes in one? I don't think anybody would dare disagree with him.

Q: He certainly doesn't need any tips from you, does he?

A: No, not with that scoring! ■

PARTY OF ONE



How Stéphane Dion took a downcast and broken Liberal party, and broke it all over again



PAUL WITZKE

The Harbinger of a new era in Canadian politics, a symbol of reform, of triumph in the horse stretch, of expert pragmatism confounded with a thump Dion used the elegantly polished Montreal hotel

as the headquarters for his audacity victory at the 2006 Liberal leadership convention, when he was only 18 per cent on the first ballot yet somehow managed to win the big prize. So he jettisoned those odds, wherever he could, to remind everyone that he was unbeaten and meant to be counted out.

He has had to become a bit of a regular "We've been away," the lady from the *Toronto Star* told me as we walked at a recent news conference featuring Dion and the first toastmaster of his party's Quebec wing, "so just for you, they're going to re-run the show they put on here last fall."

And indeed it was very nearly so. Dion waded into the arena, looking determined. Flanking him were the Quebec political brothers, Jean Charest (New Brunswick), and the president of the party's Quebec wing, Robert Fournier, both drawn. Assisted MPs, senators and party officials joined the leader

in a clump on a river while cameras whirled and clicked. Dion pronounced the party united and eager, with "a better team" and "better values" than the Harper Conservatives. His colleagues applauded in a manner that might as well have been designed to illustrate the term "unanimous." Then they trooped out again.

In its staging and message, not only its locale, this show resembled one Dion and his Quebec wing held last autumn after he managed to lose the Liberal caucus of Quebec in a by-election. Now, as then, some of the party's lower cameras were taking the leader back to go. Now, as then, Dion counselled patience and optimism. "I am the leader," he said. "As leader, I have a right to more discipline."

It is a really not a good idea for leaders to explain how they party should be by their rather than explaining how they can help, say, the Canadian people. At any rate, Dion's latest Place d'Armes show and tell did little good. Only four days later, La Presse columnist Vincent Maniaud was putting the first eight-tooth columns about Dion's misadventure. Maniaud had come across a list of 11 Liberal candidates in Quebec, well short of the 75 he had to run in every Quebec riding. He phoned the party's headquarters and asked whether the number was accurate. Within hours the party had sent lawyers to La Presse's offices on St. Jacques St. with word of an anonymous source publishing the list.

There followed a week of hotbeds where only coalition was that is: was it what the first for Dion was not a lie. A news magnet that would have been a paragraph at the bottom of an opinion column became a front-page story

about the bizarre situation. Red-faced MPs in Ottawa had to explain that some candidates face job opportunities during the election period. Conservatives and New Democrats gleefully mocked the women protection program the Liberals appeared to be running for their own candidate.

Then the Liberals dropped the injunction. Marital, party lawyers disavowed, had a list, but not the list. Not the super secret up-to-date list of prospective candidates, the one only five people in the world possess, including Dion, Harcourt, Payton, the senator, and Fournier. The party was. Reversing a spectacular and inexplicable legal action in itself news, so the bizarre saga enjoyed a second day on the front pages. By now, Fournier had realized that Harcourt's Payton had awarded he was the source of the leak, so he organized a conference call of the Quebec executive to discuss her causal assumption of dialogue. He helpfully informed reporters about the call, ensuring days of still further coverage.

Here was what remained when all was done. A party that had put on a big media show to claim it was finding its feet had instead spent another week staggering forward on bleeding wounds. Maniaud's arcane point—that the party of Laurier, Trudeau, Charest and, now, yet another Quebecer, can't even fill its candidate slots in Quebec—became well known to every Montreal newspaper reader and to many more at the rest of the country. That between Dion's two leading Quebec enemies was revealed to be below zero. And during a week when Harper surpassed the 300 days of Paul Martin's cabinet tenure as prime minister, the Liberals showed again that they are still not close to being election ready.

Or perhaps not all of the Liberals. "You'll hear people around Dion asking the party's not ready for an election," one Liberal who has worked closely with Dion's campaign on party business told Maclean's. "And that was probably one last fall or last spring. But today it's homes-It. The party's ready, more or less. Now when they say the party's not ready, it's cock. What they mean is that the leader's not ready. And they can't bring themselves to tell him."

Fourteen months after he became the latest leader of a party with a smoldering record of victory, Stéphane Dion's hand on the tiller is not firm. The public understands and his MPs are locked in a cycle of blame and holding, or really eager to force an election soon but forever unwilling to face one now. An important point is closer today than it was on the December day in 2006 when Dion won the convention: he took the leadership with a more tenuous grasp than any of his predecessors. King, St. Laurent, Diefenbaker, Du

den, Turner, Chrétien, Martin—every Liberal leader since the dawn of delegated caucus men either won unopposed, or led the vote in every round of convention balloting. There was third, two votes ahead of fourth. Alone in the history of his party, he came to the leadership with no solid and long-standing base to fall back on.

A second important point has become clear as well. The Liberals are more divided and demoralized than the 2006 version, which gave them fully 201 votes in the Harper Conservatives' 214, would support. This fact is a situation Dion inherited. As a 34-year-old young party for generalists in June 2006, five months before Dion was the leadership, Stéphane Harper told reporters: "I don't think people have begun to realize the extent to which the Liberal party has nearly ceased to exist as a coherent parliamentary organization." Harper and his senior staff, most of whom are Quebecers, have been diligent in exploiting these divisions. It was no coinci-

dence that the first Conservative leadership vote to meet Dion's "Not A Leader" featured Michael Ignatieff, his erstwhile leadership opponent, as a prominent speaking role.

So Stéphane Dion barely squeaked into what would have been a rough job for anyone. He had a long way to go to prepare his party for government. More than a year later, it remains difficult to measure any progress.

The polling honeymoon after the 2006 convention was not robust, and by February of 2007 Dion was already struggling. A Strategic Council poll showed that the voters who could do the best job as prime minister, 36 per cent of respondents named Harper, 18 per cent Dion and 16 per cent Jack Layton of the NDP. Outside Quebec, Layton and Dion were tied. But it was early days. The *Toronto Star* said their time "Not A Leader" ad, Dion had not repeated, and so former Chrétien-era justice minister Allan Rock wrote, "There's much water to pass under the bridge before Canadians face the choice they will make in the next election."

That was more than a year ago. The latest Strategic Council poll for CTV and The Globe and Mail, in February, showed the Harper Conservatives with a 12-point national lead over the Liberals. In Quebec, Dion's party commands 19 per cent support, lower than in 2006 when Paul Martin chose the party to its lowest share of the Quebec popular vote in history.

When asked who they trusted to be prime minister, 46 per cent across the country named Harper, 15 per cent Dion and 13 per cent Layton. In Quebec Dion came in fourth, behind Harper, Layton, and Desjardins, whose party runs considerable online polls and who the reform can never be prime minister. Still

"HE DOESN'T know what he doesn't know," a long-standing Dion supporter says. "He won't give a thump speech."



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NOT HARMONIOUS

where Doug has fallen and he can't get up.

Why? In conversations with several senior lobbyists, many of whom still have roles in the party hierarchy or the election organisation and did not want to be quoted, several reasons arose. There is the leader's difficulty explaining himself clearly in other language—it cannot be his heavily accented English that is hampering him among francophone Quebecers.

"He doesn't know what he doesn't know," one long-standing Democratic reporter said. "He won't give a stump speech. He had a good speech a while ago about poverty. Causes and to him, 'All right, give that speech 10 times across the country.' He wouldn't do it," he said. "My view on poverty are known."

Don's current conversations, however, David Swanson, a his third in 30 years and will depart this summer on maternity leave. He has publicly forewarned the kids of arguments with which the Conserva-tives continue to plaster him as "Not A Leader." The party, which raised a third as much money in 2007 as the Harper Gov-ernment did, has little budget to run any kind of advertising at all. "I told him we should run an ad that says three things about Harper," one adviser said. "We wanted to take up one thing he wanted to participate in. George W. Bush's annual defense ad-dress, he wants to toughen our soldiers in Afgha-nistan. This is when I thought we were going to be against extending the mission. That wouldn't be a megamessage. It would be purely fiscal. And it would frame Harper for a year to come. Don wouldn't do it."

There is no question in building an organization, a challenge made all the more daunting by the fragility of *The Party* he inherited. Wechs after he became leader he set out a restructured party organization with a board/directing staff, of course, and committees, regional bodies, subcommittees. Long-standing staffmen from Diem's days in a culture minister simply shook their heads when asked about it. Complex structures are always a bad idea in politics; they increase points of friction, they multiply opportunities for the leaks, the pressure, they cannot react too quickly. During the latter half of the 1960s, wechs thought that they had been given important responsibilities. But Diem believed his big ask after the March 1968 election was to build bridges, and he built none bridges that the world has ever seen.

What is most striking is that even people who work closely with Deon and are working hard toward Liberal victory at the next election, never praise the leader's judgment in private. Instead they speak, with growing or lesser optimism, about whether he can be brought along. He is a bright but

WHEN HE WAS IN THE CHRÉTIEN CABINET, DION SAW POLITICS AS THE CURIOUS BUSINESS OF PEOPLE LESS SERIOUS THAN HE

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That is the starkest contrast with the way Conservatives used to talk about Harper, during the difficult days before the 2006 election. Back then Harper logged in the polls, he had his own party yahoos calling publicly on a website for his removal, and the press gallery had written him off. But his caucus was with him. "You should use the way he runs the caucus room," MPs used to say.

This seems to be a result of both attitude and action. Dion has made a series of missteps. Last year, Lawrence Richland, a long-time cabinet member, and Herb Marshall, a veteran Liberal organizer, urged Dion to woo former justice minister Martin Cauchon back into politics to run in the by-election in Cauchon's old Quebec riding. Dion preferred Jocelyn Cosson, an academic and former journalist, as a new face. Cosson managed

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Charged with slating his organization, Donado asked Ministerial MP Deza to decide whether he wanted to replace Huelga-Ayler. MP Miro Prohías asked Quebré for names. Cadore and her colleagues considered it, then telephoned Prohías to discuss a transition. Prohías said that his boss told he was going. Instead, Prohías quit. Stung by the appearance of slating, Cadore refused the job. So did Pablo Rodríguez, another Ministerial MP with real strength as an organizer. Donado had to turn to Horacio Papete, a statesman who won his last election as an MP in 1980, to lead his parliamentary forces in his latest post.

As national election co-chair, Dier named Mark Meriwether, a Vincevonic who ran his campaign for leadership, and Nancy Garad, a one-time candidate with very little profile in Quebec. Months after it became obvious

that the party's campaign was supposed to be run by a man on the other side of the Rockies and a woman on the other side of the Rockies could not pick out of a police lineup, Owen added a third release. Senaate David Smith, who used to run Jean Chrétien's Ontario campaign. Liberals say the party lost more close races in Ontario in 2006 than in every other province put together, and Smith's efforts are seen as crucial if the party is to run again around

So Dean's actions have not always helped the party's fortunes. Perhaps this is because, during his long years in Clinton's cabinet, he tended to view politics as the cynical business of people less serious than he. In 1996, when he had been a minister for only a few months, he travelled to Washington to deliver a speech. At a news conference later, reporters asked him whether life in politics held any surprises for a political scientist. "The only surprise is how unappealing it is," he said.

His academic path is also a formidable journey. Starting with little knowledge of the topic in 1994, he earned government in 1995 as one of the world's foremost experts on international law as it relates to commerce. In 1997,

SUPPORTING speaks of Clatsop as if the word

their government he showed little public interest in the environment. But as Martin's (he flirted openly with his sexuality at the capital) first he had to write a couple of words on the subject, and his disdain for electoral politics continued. Charneau offered him, only, he told me he suggested "old style politics." As he continued to founder in Quebec, his advisers became desperate for some way to shake up perceptions of Dion there. A Quebec government-appointed panel on "reasonably accommodations," the timely treatment of balancing Canadian traditions with the preferences of immigrant groups where they dwell, was his choice. So, LeBel's wanted Dion to address the panel and fall over a signpost for diversity and tolerance. It would be less of a lie. As a federal politician, he didn't want to be there in a promotional process. As so often with Dion, the decision was so generalised as it was guaranteed not to engage his interest.

The *Liberals'* assumption, failing to hope, has been that voters would forgive Clinton's loss because of the noted irony: "You can make a case for Duce," a senior liberal organizer said, pausing for a moment time before adding, "People haven't exactly wanted to Harper." This is the core of *Liberals'* hope that Harper's policies and cold style make him vulnerable.

But in a string of by-elections the Liberals have fallen short of expectations rather than exceeding them. And history suggests the Liberals may be hoping for too much if they expect Harper's only detractor to quickly Only three men in history have a slender zone from opposition to win only one election before losing the next, as Liberals hope Harper will do. Joe Clark, R.B. Bennett, Alexander MacKenzie. Every other time the new prime minister was able to hold his advantage against challengers. The task Dixon faces would have been hard for any Liberal leader.

It will be harder because Dean means an fight
ing with one hand behind his back. How can
the election be a referendum on Harper if
Harper runs a barrage of ads saying Dean is
weak, while Clinton runs ads saying he's not
weak?

The unconcerned indignities of opposition and the unattended resources of the Liberal party would tax the skills of a wily strategist with a deep well of loyalty to draw on. Dion handed the big job without the party base and his regarded strategy as something to be as trusted, not learned. Chibson, Morin and Dion's leadership opponents learned as never a good idea to write him off. But the challenge he faces now is far greater than any before it. And his time is running short. ■

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or recent white supremacist rallies in Calgary or Edmonton. Warman grouped early on (he Internet) would provide both a virtual community hall for those people and a place for investigators to find them, says Leo Heller, director of national affairs with the Friends of Simon Wiesenthal Center for Holocaust Studies. More importantly, he recognized the advantage of Section 13 of the Canadian Human Rights Act: the hate propaganda provision in the Criminal Code, which requires a much higher standard of proof. Confronted in the line of duty as a means of using federal jurisdiction over communications to combat racist propaganda, he had the broad language already available to include the Web — but that virtual conversations of hate rangers within the reach of jurisdiction. For the first time, "that Warman did was invent time to use that amazing legal tool to do something," says Michael Goss, a University of Ottawa

technique that would prove as secondary as it did efficient: he would proceed to be a hate sympathizer, posting that racist under numbers and posting friendly messages. "Keep up the good work Commander Schöpp 88," he once wrote to a purative ally under the name "Asterisk." (The sign-off 88 is understood on white supremacist sites to mean "HITL" or "Hitler 12th.") It's being the eighth letter of the alphabet.) Another note, posted under the name "Popey Mahone," read: "Exactly when will white cops understand they should stand by THEIR race?" Over time, Warman would invite other participants into one-on-one conversations where he would start out personal information, reveal addresses, telephone numbers. Once satisfied the bad guy theory of a person, he would then lodge a complaint to the commission, and human rights investigators would take it from there.

which at the commission appears pretty far from best. In testimony at the Lemire case, Stacey admitted there were no guidelines telling what he could and couldn't do while working, no rules governing how he identified himself, no loose posting his covert meetings on his sites to any sort of official email list. When asked about adopting online pseudonyms, he responded: "I have been mistaken for a monster for the whole investigative operation. 'No one told me I couldn't do it.'"

These shortcomings might have been addressed by now, observers say, if responded to human rights complaints exposed any thing close to the protections afforded to news and reporters. But the commission, along with the tribunal to which it refers its most serious cases, was designed to reflect about the relatively low status issues of public access to government and public services, notes Wayne Sumner, a University of Toronto philosophy pro-

fessor. "This is a serious business, and the proper place for it is in a criminal court, not a human rights tribunal."

The result, says a growing number of civil libertarians, has been to encourage abuse of the process against speech that would normally be considered legitimate debate. In early 2006, a Calgary Muslim leader launched a campaign at the Alberta human rights commission against Eam Lynam, a multi-racial conservative blogger and former stringer as editor who had published the Danish cartoon of the prophet Muhammad that had inflamed Muslims around the world. Lynam himself spent \$500,000 defending himself before the case was finally dropped. Shortly after, Muslim's ran a book excerpt by Mark Steyn under the headline "The Future Belongs to Islam," a group of Muslim law students filed complaints to the federal, Ontario and B.C. commissions against the

with Warman's intent and legal acumen to run from the consequences of his case. "Unless you're an idiot, you have to be thinking about what kind of conception of the law, what conception of freedom of expression, what conception of the relationship between the individual and the state is conveyed in place by your actions," he says. "Cases like these foster an atmosphere in which sensible people who know they can't support the restriction to defend themselves will censor themselves. It creates an over-governing body of very vague law when it comes to the integrity and freedom of a democratic society."

And the uncomfortable questions about freedom are starting to pile up. After months of legal acrobatics, the HRC's lawyers last filed two weeks ago to keep Steyn from having to testify in an open hearing from his research methods (Maclean had omitted a previous decision to hold the session in

and the commission has been in damage-control mode ever since. In an interview earlier this week, general counsel Ian Fife said no commissions employees have written for their office computers, though he couldn't speak for their private computers. He repeated the suggestion that Warman enjoyed private e-mails, saying it "is not unusual" for private e-mails to be used in work-related matters during the process of an investigation, "including in print documents. As for Warman continuing to file complaints during his tenure as the commissioner, Fife said that the Ontario lawyer was not permitted to work as his own or any other Section 13 complaints during his two years at the commission. Any action in a legal right to file a complaint, Fife noted, "whether or not they work at the Canadian Human Rights Commission."

CRITICS WORRY THAT WARMAN CAN'T DISTINGUISH BETWEEN A GOOD CASE AND A GOOD CAUSE



ACTS OF HATRED: Cross-burning at a house in Ailsa, a defunct Jewish library in St. Laurent, Que., at a defunct Jewish institution in Toronto.

professor and an expert in law as it relates to cyberpace. "The commission is relatively easy access to an investigative unit and rules that can be applied."

But the nuances of Section 13 weren't the only thing Warman was inventing time for. Fife says he was trying up his office, he was having a system for digging up information on the operation of sites, or chat room participants who had posted offensive material. Some cases required only a modest amount of computer access — the "670605" domain search, or sites like www.theblack.com, which allow a worker using codes that sites without revealing his identity that for harder cases, he would

Warman figures he was doing nothing wrong. It is understood with help identify at least two people found guilty of digital racist discrimination. In fact, he says, and he never posted anything that staff could be regarded as a violation of Section 13. "I thought, though, the latitude he had imposed highlights the commission's lack of investigative rigor, and the tribunal's inherent weaknesses as a quasi court of law. The more he Warman could file complaints while still working at the commission raises a perception of unfairness that warms Bonny." The effect are not good," says the veteran civil libertarians. Then there's the matter of best practices,

factor who has studied hate speech. As such, it is less focused on protecting the accused than punishing the offender, he says. In a preliminary test in a balance of probabilities rather than the reasonable doubt used in criminal proceedings, respondents, unlike domestic criminal suspects, must pay for their own defense. This despite the tribunal's power to levy fines of thousands of dollars in fines as hate speech cases, along with the heavy social stigma of being labelled a racist. "We don't like hate mongers in liberal society like Canada," says Sumner, whose 2004 *The Hatred* and the Ontario Studies in the Limits of Free Expression argues against using human rights



VANCOUVERITES didn't like Warman's attempts to shut down sites like author David Lyle.

magazine of hate-mongering. The complaint has retained legal counsel and the case is working its way through two separate processes (the Ontario commission has recommended that the case be dropped).

Ever since, academic, political and legal haysayers have been lining up against Section 13 — and by extension, Warman. Merit through forward bias Commons motion, denying serious other things the first that one man appeared to have turned the commission into a personal hobby horse. Bonny weighed in on his behalf of Maclean, saying the commission "ought not to be engaged in suppressing the expression of free speech." Rose Linde Corbin, the former justice minister under a case of civil rights, wrote of the act may need to be revised. For Warman, the action has been exasperating. He has nothing to do with the case against Maclean or Lyle. He says, so why take away the legal weapons he uses against unrepentant hate-mongers? He John Jones, a two-time former president of the B.C. Civil Liberties Association who has locked horns with Warman in the past, says it's disingenuous for someone

comers. On the stand, an alternately taciturn and resigned Stacey admitted he had adapted Warman's tactic of logging onto remote computers under the member's address ("short for Jack Warman, a character from a novel I read as a youth") and pretending to be, in effect, one of the gang. At least three other people, including his manager, knew he was doing it, he said. He denied ever confessing Warman himself to have to log onto the sites, while a second respondent, Harry's Kell, said the "universal" base Internet search training from the Ottawa library after he left the commission. In previous cases, it has emerged that Warman would drop by commission offices, asking about the progress of his complaints, even having pages printed off to add to his files.

But by now, the case had devolved into a full-blown public relations fiasco: one of Stacey's log onto a purported hate site turned out to originate from the website Internet account of a woman who lived near the commission offices, yet had no idea her account was on file. The federal privacy commissioner has announced plans to investigate,

It's not the first time Warman's use of the law to curb hate speech has produced unintended consequences. Far from the polemics surrounding the Lemire case, he has been locked in a battle that has pitted him against the British author David Lyle — somewhat improbably — against Canada's public libraries. That tale happens to be one of the great worst bits of the modern age: the dispute at the border to fiction in a series of dictatorial moves, the speaker carried away from his home by a group of radicals, and his house in the "Silent Majority," who are then descended from South American, Israeli, Israeli, and from over again. He accuses westerners world leaders of engaging in ritual sacrifice of children, including the Queen and former prime minister Brian Mulroney. People like Warman, who seek to shut him down, are western offshoots for the illiterate.

It's fantastical and offensive stuff, dripping with conspiracy and fanaticism, such as the *Protocols of the Elders of Zion*. Yet the case sponsored by Lyle has gained Lyle a cult-like following, and it was this growing popularity Warman sought to curb in 2000 when he recommended to Vancouver with the local newspaper Jan Kossow. Warman appears as the piece about Lyle that Bonny produced for Britain's Channel 4 television, another about having visited Lyle's home in the mountains and book signings. Vancouverites, however, seem lifted by the perception of his wit and charm. By the end of the episode, July 1, 2008 turned up for an live lecture at a downtown theatre.

The case seemed only to what Warman's expertise. When Lyle's next book, *Children of the Matrix*, came out in 2001, Warman fired Lyle's notes to libraries across the country warning that the book contained a series of defamatory statements, including the claim

PAVING THE WAY IN AFGHANISTAN

Good roads and irrigation surpassing security issues? Call that success.

BY SEAN M. MALONEY

The Nyala remained silent while it rained out of Camp Nathan Smith on a cold morning, headed west of Kandahar city. The troops here in a helicopter army in backcountry are not blaring NATO's Highway to Hell. "I would have preferred like Osama bin Laden [in 2011] The Ringier," I yell to Sgt. Maj. Michel Pelletier, who laughs and nods. The Nyala and its L-300 II escorts wait their way through the city and up a pass. In no time, thanks to the new paved road, we're overlooking Arghandab district, a rolling agricultural area flanking the vital Arghandab River. Surrounded by hills and thick the Oxia Desert, it sits like a cork in a bottle to the north of the valley, this district is vital ground for the security forces. It is the western gateway to Kandahar city.

We're here for the weekly talks with the district's formal and informal leadership. We descend, meet up with "Hamid," use intercom, and pass by police positions and through a mass of shops left outside by the accident. The meeting room is tiny and soon is crowded. I'm greeted by the different districts of urban were by the bearded, dressed in green, brown, gold piping, three piping. The urban is an expression of individuality and class in an otherwise dark environment. Everybody is shaking hands and I hear pashmeh (my hand on his hand) as an elder grips my hand and smiles his hand to his heart. I return the gesture. "Assalamu alaikum!" There are elaborate greetings: "How are you, God be praised?" "My head is good. God willing, my crops will also be plentiful this season. How is your health?" Chat is affirmed and poured. Pelletier and I are introduced, and the show begins. Sikhs are robust, lively conversations. I've

attended many in Afghanistan. The negotiating is not about security—when are the coalition forces? What are we doing about foreign police? About foreign assistance? I have pulled for a barrage of finger-pointing. Pelletier asks about security, and a bearded Pashtun wearing a pashtun shawl asks the question. "It isn't a matter of security. We want to talk about governance for electricity. We want to improve the irrigation system along the river. And you're building roads for those who live in the Pashtun district. We like you—but you're not building roads in Arghandab. Why not?" The show ends as a chorus of guards "Wah!" Pashtun for "Wah!" I've taken a break. For a show to be focused solely on development issues is a complete turn around from last fall, when Canadian and Afghan forces were fighting over the Taliban from the banks of the Arghandab.

In late October 2011, there was a flurry of reports that the Taliban were going to seize Arghandab district, about five kilometers northwest of Kandahar city. The district's approach, the dramatic Mullah Haq, had recently died from complications in the wake of an assassination attempt, leaving a power vacuum. The Canadian intelligence apparatus kept a careful watch, and as the enemy brought together forces and made an entry move, little could be done to pre-empt them. Then, some 200 Taliban fighters infiltrated the district in small numbers and assaulted across the river from the district center. They told the population they were in charge.

A vital web of telephone calls from the subdistricts caused a panic within Kandahar city, and in fear in Quetta, Pakistan, and even the United States. The operational growth of the telephone network in southern Afghanistan, particularly near the coast but in 2008, dramatically escalated this panic, as did the local and international media. Karim Feroz, a Foreign Affairs staffer at the Provincial Reconstruction Team, stressed calls from previously anybody who knew in Kandahar. "I had a friend who lived in the city who was even present to control his wedding. We had a disturbance in Arghandab, and he was people

convinced that the city was about to fall." Essentially, 100 enemy fighters managed to intimidate a city with a population of several a half million. Inadequately.

Retelling Arghandab district was a geographical imperative as much as a psychological one. Sgt. Gen. Gay Laroche, his commander and Afghan allies could not allow the Taliban to gain a foothold. "I was excited that Arghandab not be turned into another Zhariy where the enemy is entrenched not to the city, as we want in as quickly as we could," Laroche explained. "The enemy had continuously tried to surround and surround Kandahar city, it is in a strategic position. It is not a place."

Within 24 hours, fighting speed in circumstances like this, it is Company from 1st Battalion, the Royal 22nd Regiment, pulled out of their positions and headed north. The new Leopard 2 A6M tanks from the British 6th Cavalry Squadron linked up with an Afghan National Army military company. With the tanks and the Afghan on the left and Maj. Dave Abbott's B Company on the right, the combined force led by Lt.-Col. Alan Gauthier fought its way through the complex terrain of woods, fields and compounds west of the river. Afghan National Police forces screamed to the east. "The battle took two days," said Abbott. "We had a couple of really dark nights. We were in a dilemma because of the terrain. The Taliban weren't expecting that. They're used to us fighting from vehicles or blowing us up with IEDs."

The Taliban force was correlated, with the Afghan and the tanks pushing them out and away from the river. A single air strike killed a group of Taliban after they pulled back and were consulting with their commanders, leaving the tanks alone. Some were captured and the captured remnants



FOOTPRINTS IN DUST: Canadian Vets Don't join up with the Afghan National Army in the Zhariy district, where the Taliban are on the defensive

retreated away. "The word that we'd succeeded in Arghandab got out in quickly as the panic had," Kerton Feroz explained. Canadian and Afghan forces were not to what amounted to a victory parade in the city. For Dave Abbott, it was the greatest moment of his career thus far. "We were exhausted, but the people were living up and cheering. It was like Holland in 1944."

The importance of operations The Arghandab isn't a show up in the province, a wide number generated by international aid groups and think tanks based in Kabul, organizations whose personnel rarely travel to the south. I asked the PRT commander, Lt. Col. Bob Chamberlain, why this was the case. "Our Civil Military Cooperation (CMC) people have their pulse on the community in ways that those groups don't. They're on the ground, conducting various enterprises. We hear that the local people are tired of constantly being asked questions by strangers. The possibility that the numbers don't accurately reflect attitudes and disaster facilities is very real. It is only through our contact with the communities that we can even approach some understanding of what is going on here," Chamberlain is a spokesman, "especially in terms of development."

Particular to the Arghandab event, however, was the development community. The kidnapping of a female U.S. and worker in January led to more "the sky is falling" behavior from the NGOs, who saw it as a Taliban victory. It is not clear whether it was a set, but it inspired fear and, in some cases, was used as an excuse to suspend activity. "The issue here," Kerton, an Afghan friend, told me, "is that there is a severe perception problem. We are constantly surrounded by the press releases of some of these organizations. It just doesn't conform to what we're seeing here in terms of security activity or in terms of development."

The reality is that the development is slow. The most egregious failure I saw was the inability of the Canadian International Development Agency to carefully monitor progress on Highway 4, the vital rail line in the mid-north between Pakistan and Afghanistan. CIDA dismissed reports from Canadian reconnaissance squadrons that work was not being done, preferring to rely on the reports of an untrained person. After five months, tens of kilometers of road remain, an untrained set of workers with frequent jangle-track roads, their progress stalled out on the ground, looking like a mess and I've relied to Sigmund Haddad with Maj. Peter Hartz

Recent Squidron along Highway 4—there is no security problem from Kandahar city and you go north to Sigmund Haddad, where Taliban are the bombers constantly try (and fail) desperately to kill Col. Abdul Razaq, the local commander of the border police. For a country that built a railroad through British Columbia, there is no excuse for the lack of progress in paving Highway 4.

On the plus side, CIDA's ability to work through a local media is paid off in health care. CIDA representatives are up and about the police education program, and particularly about education efforts to improve living techniques in the remote districts, even those with significant enemy presence. Indeed, it was told that UNICEF would not even be operating in the province if it wasn't for the Canadian PRT and the Canadian Police working alongside the aid agencies in the field. CIDA representatives are at the forefront of "building on the doors of the development community" to get more action in the south, according to a CIDA staffer.

I spoke with Bob Chamberlain about blockades at development as the provincial level. "Abdullah Khaili [the Kandahar governor] is now down to two airplanes from six. He now has more and better staff and his family delegating." In the past, the governor was

focused nearly exclusively on security issues, but now he is drawing more attention to economic and social development. Part of it with the Provincial Development Committee—an organization that had been on the board for the past two years, and was supposed that real business was actually discussed—in this case, a \$32-million CIDA project to improve the water and sewage system in Kandahar city. Such discussions, and the movement of money, would have been inevitable a year ago.

To find out how this was all working at the district level, I went with Sgt. Dan Prostie to Dand district, south of the city. Like the Argushah district, the Dand district was focused on development. Prostie said the local community development council—a collective village committee—were now effectively with the development program. Prostie said that can't protect them from being immediately coming to the Canadian PRT. There is, however, a severe lack of completed projects, which is generating grievances. One reason is the ancient provincial mechanism. As one Dand district member told me, "Our district is famous with the province. Kabul is a mosque place. We don't know anybody there. Canada is over farther away."

There's also frustration with the slow pace CIDA and the NGOs operate at, their individual development timetables (which can run into years), and a comprehensive lack of accountability. Such organizations are as used to having to meet quickly in a center emergency environment, and are completely unaccustomed to the sort of microeconomic surveying and demands for accountability that are brought to them on the Canadian forces in the past. Serious frustration.

There are other notable delays. For example, according to PRT officials, demands from humanitarian aid groups that the foreign Provincial Police should start their own force on Canadian building code and Western human rights standards have frustrated Canadian forces of Canada. This has a significant effect on improving the justice system—if you have no place to put people, is there any point in arresting them? "We should prisoners have a higher standard of living than the average Afghan citizen," one beleaguered PRT officer explained.



ON A BREAK from a Canadian-funded project to rebuild a mosque in Argushah district.

The Taliban controls Zhari district and the northern part of Paktia district. Another grievance, the run away, is almost the visual highway. In 2005, coalition air strikes could've been seen in Zhari district. After several battles in 2006 and in 2007, the Taliban are now on the defensive and are incapable of using the area as a base to control Kandahar city or to invade Highway 1. Maj. Louis Lapointe leads the Police Operational Monitor and Liaison Team in the area. "We have several conversations in this district, the police now have a joint coordination centre and we now have a 900 line. The expansion of the cellphone system has led to more and better information in emergency and on the way in the district. We now have locals telling us when the enemy lays IEDs." Afghan police and army personnel are now largely responsible for Zhari, with Canadian monitoring backup. The enemy is so frustrated he is now banning cellphone service to stop the flow of information—even though the insurgents need the same.

"The expansion of the cellphone system has led to better information. We now have the locals telling us when the enemy lays IEDs."

men to communicate.

Capt. Mike Lempke, the passionate and energetic CMCB leader for Paktia, is involved with several projects, including road paving. This joint project employs 40 local men and will eventually connect both districts.

"This serves several purposes," he says. "Employed people are less inclined to be insurgents, and the population has a stake in the project and will be inclined to protect it. We get better security from IEDs, and communities can get produce to markets more efficiently."

The effect of these and other operations has been to force the Taliban away from the more important centers in both districts and away from Highway 1 inside city. The Taliban still lack out with IED attacks, but the movement has lost a lot of ground with the population of both districts, and is at present incapable of mounting the same level of violence it exhibited last in 2005.

The town is shifting west. Maywand district has had a reputation as a Taliban district and, as seen between Helmand province and Kandahar province, and one of the insurgent's largest routes into Zhari district. Maj. Gen. Mark Lessard, commander of ISAF Regional Command South, decided to launch a series of raids into Maywand, using the 10th Battalion of the Royal Canadian Rifles, a British unit that is the ISAF's southern regional mobile reserve. It accompanied the Garibas, led by Lt.-Col. Jany Boucse, on the operation.

The Garibas had been few in at night on Chinook and Lynx helicopters and carried the insurgents in Maywand. Those who paraded and tried to escape were killed by air strikes. Others who hid among the population were flushed out by the Garibas searched compounds and discovered a number of cars that were being prepared as suicide bomb vehicles, and vast amounts of information on enemy intentions and movements. Troops led by Maywand were even instructed by their commander to engage the insurgents and make them

A MENTORING SESSION. Maj. Jean-Sebastien Fortin aids with village elders in Paktia. There have been a school attack in months.

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LOBLAW'S DÉJÀ VU

Galen Weston Jr. is trying to recapture the magic that saved Loblaw stores 30 years ago. Eisner said that done. BY ANNE KINGSTON

Could we have a minute, please? Galen Weston asks, descending his public relations handler and a Maclean's photographer from the very boardroom atop the George Weston tower in midtown Toronto. For the past hour, the coactive chairman of Loblaw Cos. has been fielding questions about the embattled supermarket chain he was purchased in to rescue in September 2006. Tall, whipper-thin, with a wide open face, Weston is a boyish 35, peevish of graces under his suit. His thoughtful answers come carefully schooled in the maxims of the capitalist industry—profit margins, volume, price-cutting, merchandise mix.

Now he's leaning off his chair. What will the story run, he asks. "I told the new week, he says there might be news a couple of weeks away. Closer to the annual meeting in early May, that could make the story more interesting. I don't want you to be disappointed if you run with 'now'." His mother is silent. It is just being the son who got the Loblaw

TV ad that has made him the Stuart McLean of Canadian grocery? Or is it a clever move to say to his more uptight dad on the story? Certainly good news has been in short supply at the country's largest food retailer, a \$33-billion enterprise that employs some 140,000 people, and operates more than 3,000 stores across the country. Last year, Loblaw reported its first loss in 19 years. Fourth quarter 2007 earnings were 43 cents per share, compared with 58 cents the previous year. This week price, down from a high of \$19.34 in 2006, is trading at just above \$11, near at 19-year lows. The Westons, the retired nuclear family in the country, have seen a 61 per cent stock price drop since 2007.

Yet Weston calls being handed the reins at the Canadian business the "opportunity of a lifetime." "Everyone says come, 'God, the pressure, why would you do this to yourself?' But the last thing I wanted to be was part of a family that's a caution of a business that went from strength to strength. This is a challenge and something that will prove

whether I'm good enough to do it."

The dynamic imperative lies in his DNA. His grandpa, the George, founded Weston's groceries in Toronto in 1932. His grandfather Garfield built the company into an international food conglomerate. His father, Galen, led the company's 30-year rise and added post readers. He's the founder and former CEO of the company's private buildings. Growing up, Weston captured to attend the inside. Classmates at Upper Canada College were treated to tours of Weston's factories. Before a visit to his Nelson, Canada, plant, the group was asked to sign model contracts that forbade them from ever using any other candy, Weston recalls. As a teenager, he worked holidays in the local food processing plant. Saturdays were spent accompanying his father on store visits. Even his family vacations, Co. (Weston Sr. is CEO), suggest broad exposure. "With all of this wealth comes responsibility," says one who knows the family. "It's like Spider-Man. He can't just be Peter Parker."

Anyone familiar with the story of Loblaw, a tale that has assumed mythological status in Canadian business lore, will see a parallelism in Galen Weston Jr.'s current quest. In 1971, Garfield Weston asked his 15-year

old son Galen whether the family-run food, money losing grocery chain should be sold or salvaged. The younger Weston took a gap at it, replacing his father's advisors with a group of young men whose greatest strength was their lack of pedigree in the cashed companies of an industry run by men, as it is now, by middle-aged men who don't shop groceries. Richard Cantin, a Harvard M.B.A., recommended business strategy. Dave Nichol, Weston's former college roommate, developed the Choice, a private brand that took on Coca-Cola and Procter & Gamble and delivered big savings. When William Sharnoff dropped out as company spokesman in the 1970s, Nichol fell into the role and proved a natural. Leading the market with product innovation was an obsession to Nichol, who brought to the Canadian mass market extra virgin olive oil, gourmet pet food, the Decoder Chocolate Chip cookies and Maroon of Southern Spice Peanut Scented Butter. By the late 1980s, Loblaw had become destination shopping, and a secondary trademark: adding Wal-Mart on its burgeoning grocery program.

By 1999, Nichol was gone. Loblaw continued to grow under Weston, who left in 2002 to become chairman of BCE. Before he went, he recommended the company be sold as a private asset with limited growth potential, particularly given entrenched competition from Wal-Mart. Galen Weston Jr., trained with a Harvard M.B.A. and Columbia M.B.A., was four years into his apprenticeship at the company. The Westons' high regard, and approval, of Nichol's vision of the company. The company shifted into discounting and new food handling, and lost some competitive ground on the food side. A massive, disruptive overhaul of its supply chain in anticipation of the arrival of Wal-Mart supermarkets in Ontario had taken weeks and cost. The business suffered.

In September 2006, Laidlaw sold Weston's to a private equity fund, the newly created position of executive chairman. Mark Focis, a merchant banker from Canadian firm, was appointed president. Allen Leighton, a legend in the food business and long-time Weston family consigliere, was named deputy chairman.

The management restructuring seemed to play on messages for the Weston-Nichol-Cantin analysis of Loblaw's last turnaround. It is failed to reassure investors. "They needed to see up a situation where they couldn't lose—the survival of Leighton and the experience of Focis," says one industry

observer. "Theoretically it's a good idea but practically it doesn't work. Big strong business need big strong leaders." "Fuzzy" is how Dick Caine described the arrangement at the time.

With Loblaw, there's talk of Weston "finding his feet" and "becoming more of a business character," odd descriptions for someone running a multi-billion-dollar enterprise. "Galen isn't a working guy, he's not Galen Weston," says one observer. "It's his son who's changed with a great responsibility." Yet Weston Sr.'s management genius is known to reside in his talent for surrounding himself with management gurus. Leighton's influence is said to be huge. "He's on point, we see a lot of him and he says we're going to see more of him," says one insider. In the 1990s, Leighton famously pre-



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THE TWO that saved Loblaw (right) is reunited with Focis (middle) and Leighton



sided over the turnaround of Bimbi's and the Aldi, which was purchased by Wal-Mart Stores Inc. for \$6.7 billion. He takes credit for the company's appointment. "It was not who said, 'That's the guy who should run the company,'" Leighton told the Toronto Star. "The two of them are glad to be together," says

one observer. Weston balks when asked whether Leighton has the bigger office, as rumored. "That's a ridiculous question," he says. "We both have corner offices 5-6."

Such a lack of posture is a trait Weston shares with his father. All who meet him speak of how he defies the silver spoon billionaire business image. When he says he says he says same as a tennis coach, "It's all in the head," he corrects himself. "It's all in the head." When he began at Loblaw, he drove an old '68 Chrysler Marlin. When he later upgraded to a Nissan and a Mini Cooper, a 16th birthday gift from his parents' Archbishops, he gave up at the food stores at Brantford headquarters, a place Weston, a video game addict, refers to as "Death Star." He has also shown an entrepreneurial spirit outside the family fold, as founder of the Spoke Club, a pizza eatery for Toronto's creative community.

Weston had implications taking the big job. "Understanding the context to which the business is operating is critical to its success," he says. "If you have a situation of what you believe needs to happen, it's good." The company's three-to-five year plan given by the board heading "Stompily, Innovate, Grow." The first phase is a capital market 10 to 20 cents, operational operations,

between a weak infrastructure and the supply chain. Some 1,000 head office employees will be cut. So far, the transition has been shaky. But in October, a retail industry analyst at Toronto's Vantage Research, says simplifying is complicated. "It's difficult to rebuild a store when you're doing it down the road."

That's much talk about increasing "costs" or general merchandise offerings to items relevant to the food shopper—away from electronics to toys and drugs, apparel and homecare. Expectations are high for Joe Focis, an apparel line overseen by Club Monaco founder Joe Maron who's modelled on AGA's George Catling line. Launched in early 2006, annual sales are projected to grow to \$1 billion by 2010. To date, the brand has been plagued with distribution problems. Sales targets for 2007 weren't met because inventory didn't reach stores in time.

Looking ahead to the "renewal" phase, the company will be cutting back on glory days, like the change most retailers to today's consumer, Weston says. "There is a lot about what we're doing which is back to the future." Assessing a future—be it the company's one of them. In this, Nichol has been a success. "He has been a real source of insight," Weston says, though their styles are markedly different. "We're much more of a

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Greening your Supply Chain

As the planet heats up, so do regulatory mandates to reduce greenhouse gas emissions worldwide. Much of the opportunity to address CO₂ emissions rests on the supply chain, compelling companies to look for new approaches to manage carbon effectively – from sourcing and production, to distribution and product afterlife. In an interview for *Maclean's* readers, David Stevens, IBM Canada's Supply Chain Management Practice Leader, reveals how your company can start building a green supply chain.



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“In many organizations, the supply chain is your key area for reducing carbon emissions.”

Q More and more companies seem to be seeking more sustainable ways to operate their businesses. How does “supply chain management” fit into this trend?

A I think we're seeing an evolution towards environmental considerations and concerns – not just among the public but in their governments and corporations across the globe. In many organizations, the supply chain is your key area for reducing carbon emissions.

One third of the organizations that we've surveyed in 2005 say they've already been asked by their trading partners to become more green given their supply chain – so the pressure is building.

Q Can you comment on the cost of a green supply chain? What are the trade-offs?

A The traditional view of the supply chain is that the trade-offs are between cost, service and quality. As a result, most organizations begin to think of carbon management as yet another cost. But the trade-offs in the supply chain are no longer just about cost, service and quality – but cost, service, quality and carbon. These factors must be evaluated holistically in terms of their relationships to one another.

By incorporating carbon reduction into your overall supply chain management strategy you not only reduce your environmental emissions footprint, but you can strengthen your brand image and develop a competitive advantage.

For example, if you've bought a computer printer lately, you probably did not receive a manual with it. Many companies now make their manuals available only online, to reduce the amount of paper they're using and their shipping costs. And since the technology changes so quickly, online manuals get updated regularly. So the company often offers the customer more current information while reducing energy consumption.

Q What are other benefits from doing this?

A I think we're all recognized we live in a very fragile environment. One of the more interesting benefits I have observed is that so many students coming out of university have the utmost passion for the environment. If you can say to them, this is what we're doing to take leadership in environmental responsibility, it's amazing how quickly you can attract and retain the top talent.

Plus, you have a chance for brand recognition among consumer groups concerned in the environment. This isn't just a business dynamic any more. It's a social dynamic.

Q Which business processes are more likely to bring energy savings?

A All areas of the supply chain present options for becoming more sustainable and managing carbon emissions better: from product design to supply chain planning to logistics and production.

I would say much of the potential for directly reducing carbon emissions lies in a supply chain's facilities and assets. Warehousing, materials, vehicle fleets and older manufacturing plants, for instance, can consume huge amounts of energy.

Generally speaking – and companies' needs may vary – the ability to reduce CO₂ emissions is typically greater when measures are taken early in the process. Working with your suppliers to incorporate appropriate carbon reduction strategies from the start is critical. It also allows you to develop innovative customer fulfilment plans which might not include recent logistics for the environmental management of product returns.

Q We've established that many companies get into sustainability to head off problems. Where does this journey lead? Do you see companies becoming more excited about going green, or do they lose interest?

A Organizations typically start out wanting to do something small to prove that they're "green." But as they begin to generate benefits to the organization, it becomes a passion for them to do even more. And as the employees start to understand the benefits and be proud of their organization's commitment, they get the firm's core and come forward with more ideas.

Q How do you see business changing as a result of this trend?

A I think the green supply chain is just so new. Within a few years I am confident that it'll be a prominent topic amongst business leaders so how they can demonstrate their environmental stewardship. Environmental awareness is indeed here to stay, and it's something that we think will create long-term sustainable benefits for the Canadian economy, and for the globe as a whole.

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hard sell and I think about the messages for the products I support in terms of truth. And my hope is that that encourages shoppers to trust the product and trust the business and respect of Loblaws.

When Nichol was about nine, Weston is about eight—and values. His first commercial last July announced Loblaws' commitment to reduce the number of plastic grocery bags in landfill by one billion within one year. An advertisement, he presented a 99-cent cloth shopping bag, made from recycled water bottles and emblazoned with that symbol of environmental folly. "With switching super markets far," he claimed, a tag line Nichol originated. "Watch the one, though, Loblaws shoppers would have switched to A&J a year earlier when that chain launched a similar campaign, and less than five. By May 2009, A&J reported no reduction in the number of plastic bags used in its stores. Loblaws claims it is on target to meet its objective.

Unlike Nichol, an apostle of providing style, Weston believes success grows from one's own doing "happily" products that have a "conscious" or "the healthy."

The *Blue Meru* line is the largest segment of the President's Choice brand, he points out. In his second TV appearance, he advertised Canadian to stop buying President's Choice. "Think it's okay to buy burgers," the industry's bestselling brand partner, and stated that to the most vibrant President's Choice Blue Label Thick & Juicy lean burger "with half the fat and 60 per cent fewer calories. The most recent ad showed him alongside Ontario apple farmers talking up President Choice's Apple Crisp, a low fat Blue Meru offering Weston claims is his favorite offering. He's not the food obsessive Nichol was, he says. "I was not a chef. I don't develop product. I'm a consumer who likes good product. That's not a bad place to be." While Loblaws they're about how successful the campaign has been The Apple Crisp, once a sleeper product, sold four years estimated sales volume in one month. The lean burgers are now the company's most popular burger. How that translates into sales and revenue, they won't say.

"Marketing is the art of meaningful, measurable differentiation," Nichol liked to say. It's not yet apparent how Loblaws' new approach delivers that. Marie Harrison, formerly a managing director of PricewaterhouseCoopers in the U.K., was hired last year to revitalize the President's Choice brand. The products had lost their lean factor and packaging was no longer eye-catching, Harrison admits. New packaging is in the works. "We've found a way to measure that effectiveness," he says. A new series of commercials will put the "conscious" back in the brand, he promises. He expects



DAVID NICHOL, LOBLAWS' head of food, became the face of Loblaws' new mission to fix the rules.



IT'S DIFFICULT TO REBUILD A CAR WHILE YOU'RE DRIVING IT DOWN THE ROAD

ent new offerings, such as *Dolce de Leche* caramel cream spread sourced in Argentina, or popular chicken cooked in parchment paper, and "Cumbacha," a kind of frozen Thai, Indian and Chinese dishes designed to replace takeout fare. Whether any of these has the traction of "cannigoy" (also known as the Decadent cookie or PC's old mission to be seen).

Weston acknowledges the supermarket's place as an innovator in the food chain works against them. "Many customers are interested in more fresh food, less processed food," he says. He envisions over a newly revamped Loblaws Real Food Store in an affluent Toronto neighborhood that offers local meats and cheeses. The store is clean, well stocked though there's no sign of famous food merchandising magic. Cooking classes inside the entrance offer freshly prepared Italian risotto, dumplings, meat, most chicken. The signage above a "Scrambled Eggs" (Gotha's Prochaska) "appetizer bar" good at the lower corner disconcerts. Actual chemicals are contained in a metal order-like processed meats, organic is unclear, as a signage offering helpful information about provenance.

A key determinant of supermarket success

is produce, says an industry observer. "If you don't get your fresh right you can't come up with all the beautiful seafood in French paper you want and it won't matter." Loblaws isn't there yet. "They're playing around with it. They're bringing in more chickens. But they get it and find all of the fresh eggs in part of the head office garage because they were part of Loblaws' team." In the U.K., Tesco, a company Weston cites as a role model, recently made a commitment to sell some £1 billion of local organic produce in its stores by 2010. Weston understands the allure of local, not just the health of the Spoke Club critics seeking produce from Prince Edward County east of Toronto. But Loblaws is handicapped by a cumbersome distribution system.

Loblaws' "interesting" new mission is a mystery. The bulk of head office is another with speculation. Another stake up wouldn't surprise anyone. The addition of a big name with food experience (say David Choe's new role, former Lighthouse prairie northwest of Wild West Canada) would be a coup, says one industry watcher.

No one expects a sale, far less, last November, when Weston's expressed "a pretty profound awareness of the holding on to it." They could sell it today for \$40. But why not fix it and sell for \$70? says an industry analyst. "If there was one thing Dick Curcio pitched a week and it still things broken, it's things that are fixed." Weston's main source of the idea "it's irrelevant," he says. "We're committed as a family to the business. We're dedicated to making it successful over the very long term. And if we weren't, I wouldn't be here working on it."

Should he not deliver, he's out, he says. "I think everyone is in a position of vulnerability to being fired and I don't think my circumstance is any different. If our business does not perform over the next timeline, we will be in a position where we're willing to change." At a charity fundraiser at the Loblaws Christmas party last year the mood was more buoyant as Weston passed other executives in a karaoke version of Queen's 7th power ballad *We Are the Champions*. For a company trying to overcome the past, the choice of a 40-year-old triumphalist anthem was ironic. If Weston, the younger son, he kept it to himself. ■

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LEAVE KNIVES AT HOME WHEN LOOKING FOR WORK
It's certain that Damien Robinson won't be getting a job at the Golden-Bentley convenience store in Athens, Ga. Robinson arrived and filled out an application form, but when the store's employee of customers, he pulled a knife and robbed the cashier. Police allege Robinson included his real name and his uncle's phone number on the application form. He is still unemployed, but at least now he's got a place to stay.

Who should bail out this ship of fools?



STEVE MAICH

Let's make one thing perfectly clear, as first, I feel sorry for people who have lost money in the recent credit crisis. I feel awful for anybody who faces the agony of losing their home. I'm offended when people" discuss a vice interest are sabotaged by misleading sales pitches.

Now that we've got this insight, it's time to start asking some tough questions of the millions of people across North America who consider themselves victims of the latest round of market carnage. Or rather, it's time those people start asking tough questions of themselves. Tens of millions of people, ultimately, responsible for the losses they have suffered over the past year?

Right now there is a true line of evidence of credit and anger winding through America. The participants are the roughly 1,500 individual "small investors" holding over \$100 million in so-called sub-mortgage-backed residential papers, or MBS. These are documents that pay out a better interest rate than government bonds, and are generally backed by cash flows from things like car loans and mortgages. They're widely considered solid, boring, safe investments. Or at least, they were, until last August when the U.S. housing market would suddenly freeze, people began defaulting on mortgages, banks began losing billions of dollars and Citi's \$13 billion ABCP market practically collapsed.

Big financial institutions agreed to freeze the ABCP market to halt a domino panic, and now Paddy Crawford is leading a committee to restructure the ABCP market and try to salvage something from a grim situation. So, this plan, which goes to an all-star investor now on April 25, would convert the frozen notes into long-term bonds. If you can wait for several years you should get all or most of your money back. If you need to cash out immediately, you're likely to get less.

Now, these small investors, holding a part of this paper, are understandably angry. They bought an investment they were told was solid, and a person, it was, they are threatening to reject the deal. Some have caused some selling their way out of a U.S. valuation bubble, believing it might be able to convert better times. Others have taken steps toward a class action lawsuit against the brokerage that sold them ABCP.

They want to drive the best deal they can get, and no one can blame them for that. But later on the complaints they are emerging from these investors and you get an idea how these people got into their water in the first place. The number one grievance, the document detailing the restructuring plan is too long, too complicated, and it falls short of offering a full refund including a letter of apology. As an aggrieved investor told Crawford recently, "I don't want my money back when I'm 80 years old. I want it back now."



Paddy Crawford is facing a lot of angry "little guys"

No doubt. But why should these folks get a better deal? Why should they be compensated by the Cullen and Dugger and other big institutions, at the expense of other investors and whistleblowers who've also been wrongfully caught up in the ABCP crisis? Well, because these 1,500 individuals are "little guys" who've been victimized by Ray Sorensen. Many of these "little guys" are sitting on seven-figure investment portfolios, but still—they can't be expected to know the risks of their investments. Make the investors pick up the tab. They can afford it. Besides, it was Ray Sorensen's "proof" that caused

all the trouble in the first place.

Well, there was a list of greed everywhere in recent years. There always is. And it isn't the rich and famous of guys walking around in \$5,000 suits.

The roots of the problem are much of the border, where a very simple dynamic is playing out in the wake of the mortgage and housing crisis. Pressure is building on Congress and on the presidential candidates to endorse a bailout package for distressed homeowners with an estimated price tag of \$100 billion.

That's what it'll cost to snap up the mass left-by-the-road "nonconforming" for a few years, low interest rates sparked a building boom and a leading theory by insured institutions holding out loans to people with damaged credit ratings, for lack of better term, debtors, with no money down. Suddenly people with bad credit in a second attempt were sweeping up \$400,000 homes.

The problem, anyone can imagine, is when those introductory terms expired a year or two after signing, and suddenly people needed second-round financial relief; they couldn't afford that down house after all. Like the little guys holding ABCP, some were knee-deep in debt, others made a bad bet, and some figured all those loan documents were just too long and confusing to read.

And to see there is a plan imitating on Capitol Hill that would help American homeowners restructure their mortgages (with the help of government money) if they signed within the past three years and if their payments exceed 40 percent of their monthly income. It is essentially a publicly funded mass refinancing for people who made a very bad investment decision.

The economic argument is that by saving people from the trauma of foreclosures, you will bolster consumer confidence and avoid the much more serious consequences of letting the whole house of cards collapse. That may be. But what message does that send to the guy who, five years ago, looked at the numbers and realized he couldn't afford that first bedroom mansion. He read the fine print and saw these same mortgage terms for what they were. He bought a smaller house, lived within his means, and will still have to pay his mortgage even while the U.S. government uses his money to bail out his neighbor who gets to keep the big house he can't really afford.

I walk all the ABCP investors and the distressed homeowners in the last of bad. But some victim impact statements are more persuasive than others. There is desperation, there is wild anger, and there's often a recklessness. I'd love to see the individuals involved to decide which camp they fall into. ■

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The Fed's transparency paradox

BY JASON KIRBY • It's a cornerstone of good government: transparency equals accountability. The brighter the light that can be shone on those in power, the better off we'll be. Which is why, for 15 years, transcripts of meetings when U.S. Federal Reserve committee members debate and act on interest rates have been made public. Given the huge impact U.S. rate changes have on the global economy, it makes perfect sense that those meetings should have such power over us.

Or does it? It turns out that some critics maintain that the Fed is just under the microscope, they're up to see the truth. That's the finding of a new study published in the latest issue of *The Economist*, Journal Press. Scanning that year, transcripts were released after a five-year delay. The researchers found that this was the last of a long process to decline, lower "off-the-cuff" statements were made, and there was a reluctance to disagree with three-chairman Alan Greenspan. Since 1993 there has been an increased tendency for committee members to present drafts of pre-approved statements that may result in less real deliberation, the researchers found. "While transparency in policy-



RELEASED Fed transcripts to the public has only reduced debate

making now have more important benefits, attention should also be given to the possibility that publicity might reduce debate."

In Canada, transcripts of Bank of Canada interest rate debates are kept private. But there have been calls for that to change. What this study highlights is the paradox of transparency—more light isn't always for the best. With many investors knowing the housing bubble was Greenspan's decision to keep rates on rates too low, for one long, the question arises: would he have fished more push back from other committee members if their views were large present? ■

Unravelling the mystery of the McRib



McRib: Salty snack, cultural icon, and commodities market boon

BY CHRIS GULLY • Behold, the McRib, beef, onion and barbecue sauce atop a rectangular bun, served up with rib-styled pretzels, served up as a "seasonal item" is, arguably, a Canadian product. But it's back at McDonald's headquarters for the first time in more than a decade—representing its popularity.

First introduced in the early 1960s, McRib has become a minor cultural icon. Several websites (The Ribbit is described as a "semi-rare, ground beef-free" sandwich that made "waves in the fast-food underground") of the late '80s. At NPD's headquarters, down on Boulevard in 1990, then naming Thomas Friedman's theory that no two countries with a McDonald's location could ever go to war, Sobe's Jason Paskewich argued that the name to McRib was the real guarantee of peace. And in a 2003 episode of *The Simpsons*, Homer abandoned his job and family to travel America in search of Kenny Rogers's elusive McRib. McDonald's American marketing department has braced the idea, launching a series of "McRib Farewell Tours" and creating the "Golden Pig Farmers Association of America's" website.

But McRib is big business, too. News of an impending rib-fest helped spark a rally in pork shares on the Chicago Mercantile Exchange. And McDonald's Canada spokesman Louis Pappas says current sales in Canada are 60 per cent above anticipated. He gives it little hope as a permanent fix. Ken Wain, a marketing professor at Queen's University, suggests that while McRib's "high novelty factor" is the key to its "unustainable demand," it's also the key to its growth. As such, Pappas suggests you "wait and walk" to your favorite golden arches if you want to catch McRib before it disappears again. At 1,160 calories, 40 grams of fat and 1,150 mg of sodium with fruit and a Coke, you might want to run home too. ■

The biology linking sex and money

BY STEVE MARCH • The financial business has long been noted for its testosterone-soaked atmosphere. Think of the trading floors where wolf-like bankers roar at each other, or the culture of money where men who like to take risks with stocks, bonds, options and other securities of the markets. Critics and participants alike have long put this down to the inevitable dynamics of high-stakes competitive, male-dominated industries, where being a "top" guy is both expected and rightly rewarded. But new research from Stanford University suggests there may be psychological and biological reasons for the macho culture.

The researchers studied 21 heterosexual men in Stanford and measured their brain behavior in a money-chess game. The study found that men take more risks when their money was tied to an outcome phase of an outcome worse than they do when they are not.

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A NEW STUDY shows many investors' decisions may be linked to testosterone levels

The results, which appear in the current issue of the journal *NeuroReport*, shed light on the way that one of the brain's pleasure centres forms appropriate risk. The nucleus accumbens is a vital part of pleasure in the brain, known to play a central role in our experience of pleasure from food, music, and romance. Now, it appears, sexual arousal and financial risk lights up that part of the brain in very similar ways, and may actually drive the other. (One presumes this might be the origin why some finance acquired men and playing roulette for their cocktail waitresses.) Correlation, however, one of the researchers on the study and a financial professor at Northwestern University, thinks there are evolutionary reasons for this *neurosex* connection. Put simply, the boldest man gets the riches and the women, and that equation may be hard-wired into male biology. ■

How vitamins can be hazardous to your health

BY CATHY GULLI

ent supplements "can have very negative human consequences" if mishandled, says Bill Jeffery of the Centre for Science in the Public Interest in Ottawa.

The evidence is mounting. In January, the Mayo Clinic declared that certain supplements such as beta carotene and vitamin E either had no effect or appeared to increase cancer incidence and mortality. The US National Institutes of Health, in a 2006 study

U.K.'s Food Standards Agency studied 24 vitamins and minerals and found that one could

acute cancer, it could induce "irreversible harmful effects," and these could have "short-term harmful effects."

These numbers come at a time when violence against sexual assault survivors is at a high—nearly half of Canadian adults have taken a course in the past month, according

that contradicts the one that got them started at various landmarks in the line race.

Of course, when a person suffers a bad infection of vitamins or minerals, the use of supplements can produce noticeable results. Says Susan Whiting, a member of Dietitians of Canada, and professor and head of nutrition at the University of Saskatchewan: "If a university agreed upon the program, no one should consume folk and to prevent further deficits such as spina bifida. And in some deprived locations such as Canada in the west, the rate for Vitamin D supplements is very low to make sure. Some people in the health care community even declare the use of vitamins and minerals at high doses as the failure of personalized medicine, which will see supplements used as drugs in a targeted way."

The reality, however, is that for many people, deciding what citizens-prisoners will receive is a relatively arbitrary

process. Supplicious, says Harrington, come in and out of fashion regularly. And some of the public, adds Jeffery, seems to be "philosophically predisposed to believe that some claims are just true," even when there is little or no scientific proof. Barry Posner, an Ottawa

pharmacist and director of practice development at the Canadian Pharmacists Association, says that most of us don't use health products that come without a prescription.

especially neurons, as having potentially negative effects. "You can buy them anywhere; they're natural. How harmful can they be?" he asks.

His response is blunt: "Warfarin is natural. It's derived from clover. Aspirin comes from willow bark; if you take enough, you die from it." The bottom line for Power: "Natural does



Over the last century or so, several nutrients have been heralded with the shade of blonde. "There's a huge history," says Dr. John Swartzberg, a

professor of public health at University of California, Berkeley. Vrooman was celebrated for thwarting scurvy and vitamin D was welcomed as a preservative for markets. These

discoveries, which held true, gave way to a new chapter in humankind's pursuit of self-preservation—this time, through the power of modern medicine. *Illustration: M. Friedman*

Unfortunately, "dumped so all kinds of wild animals like cats, birds, snakes, snakes, snakes."

strains C a cure for the common cold, in fact, he took a daily hit of it. But so this day, there's no good proof to corroborate his claim, as a meta-analysis (a study of existing research) by Australian and Finnish researchers showed in 2003. (High-level athletes may benefit.)

Comes the 1980s and '90s, antioxidants such as vitamins E, C and beta-carotene were all the rage with predictions that they could prevent cancer, recalls dietitian Whiting. As it turned out, beta-carotene has been shown by Finnish and American researchers to actually increase the incidence of lung cancer among smokers, former smokers, asbestos workers and others at high risk. "What's that about?"

'Supplements should be treated as a form of medication, and used in a very targeted, evidence-based way'

Swartzberg, a physician, remembers that long ago, many cardiologists had been recommending beta blockers to patients, and simply it all changed. Doctors, caught off guard by new and confusing studies, could only do one thing: "We reversed," says Swartzberg.

To make matters worse, a meta-analysis in the *Annals of Internal Medicine* in 2005 showed that high doses of vitamin E—400 international units (a measure of potency) or more a day—

could boost all-cause mortality, that is, exercise *can* increase the chance of death. "We don't know if it's a statistical fluke," concedes Swartzberg, who chairs the editorial board

of the University of California, Berkeley. Wolf and Letter, an authoritative report on nutrition and prevention news, "are something more serious," but a review by the College

More common than these dramatic shifts

though, is the barrage of conflicting studies about vitamins and minerals—which the average person may not be aware of. In early March, Harvard Men's Health Watch warned

A few weeks later, scientists at the University of California, Berkeley published a study on

What's a guy to do?

sign Dr. Donald Seely, a naturopathic doctor in Toronto and director of research and clinical epidemiology at the Canadian College of Naturopathic Medicine.

announced that "high calcium may not pre-
vent fracture." Confused?

Concerns aren't the only ones. "Turns out the unnecessary flow of counterindicated studies released daily is stuporific just about every body," says Gerry Harrington of the Ottawa-based Nonprescription Drug Manufacturers Association, whose members include vitamin and mineral supplement makers. "Health Canada struggles with it. Manufacturers struggle with it. There are even individual scientists who struggle," he cautions. Har-

ington's warning: "Pay attention. Don't take anything for granted."

Across the spectrum, most nutrition experts agree that vitamin and mineral pills—even ones that hold tremendous potential and do provide benefits—can actually be harmful too. Most damage happens when they're consumed in excess—or doses 10 or more times higher than the recommended daily intake. Even oral vitamins can contain very high doses of certain nutrients, as vitamins and minerals are collectively known. Nutri-

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that doesn't mean there's no risk, he is calling for more research into complementary medicine. "It's important to not believe every thing you hear," says Leidy, who serves as Health Canada's Expert Advisory Committee for the Vigilance of Health Products.

For guidance, experts suggest research such as the U.S. National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine, or the Centre for Seniors in the Public Interest. Berkeley and Harvard's joint researchers and All Health Canada's Natural Health Product Register also publishes online "monographs" of nutrients that influence the purpose, direction for use, recommended dosage and risks for each with the U.S. Institute of Medicine.

"There are reliable sources," says industry rep Hamaguchi. The trouble may be choosing one since they don't always agree. The Natural Health Product Regulations, established in 2001, help make sure of emerging science because the monographs can be only seasonally updated, he notes. While individual studies raise concerns, to establish risks conclusively requires a lot of research and time for consensus to build.

So what do—or should—we know about the dangers of natural pills?

Their little data are how many people have gotten sick or died from excess intake, generally, and pharmacists advise you're not seriously concerned. Not taking a multivitamin in combination with other nutrient supplements can lead to an overdose, he explains, and "it can be potentially harmful." This is especially true with fat-soluble vitamins such as A and E because they accumulate in the body.

Excess C may cause bone-metabolism, acid reflux, or diarrhea. "Too much zinc can change the colour of your skin," says Jeffrey of the Center for Science in the Public Interest, making monographs handy even when you're with your body's ability to metabolize iron and contribute to kidney stones. Excess magnesium can cause diarrhea as well. So can iron, just constipation and vomiting. Too much vitamin E can cause blurred vision, bruising, dizziness and, of course, diarrhea. Sound bad?

There's worse. Excess zinc may impair blood cell formation, depress the immune system and reduce "good" cholesterol levels, so it's not a wonder it's linked with copper deficiency. Or zinc can upset your stomach, lift calcium and reduce nerve damage if over-consumed. And too much vitamin A can cause liver damage and birth defects, besides headaches, scaly skin and hair loss.

Despite the danger, we over-consume most

SUPPLEMENT	BENEFITS	WARNINGS
BETA CAROTENE 	Helps maintain vision, enhance function, improves, seals, skin, improves immunity (JNC) May help slow age-related macular degeneration. May prevent age-related disease some cancers (JWVE)	May increase the risk of lung cancer in at-risk populations such as smokers, asbestos workers (JWVE)
FOLIC ACID 	Reduces risk of neural tube birth defects (JNC, JWVE) Helps red blood cells form, prevents anemia (JNC) May help prevent some cancers, enhance cognitive function when taken with vitamin B12 (JWVE)	Masks neurological complications in people with B12 deficiency. Because diets in adverse effects are limited, caution may be warranted (JCM)
NIA-CIN 	Helps metabolize fatty acids, carbs, proteins (JNC) Helps maintain skin, nerves, digestive system (JNC) May raise low cholesterol. Used for people with high triglyceride levels (JWVE)	People with diabetes, gout, peptic ulcers, liver disease, glucose should consult doctor (JWVE) Too much may cause flushing, gastrointestinal distress (JCM)
A 	Helps maintain good vision, immune function, bone, skin, membranes (JNC, JWVE, JCM) Needed for normal reproduction (JWVE, JCM) May inhibit development of some tumors (JWVE)	Too much can cause liver disease (JWVE, JCM) Too much can cause heart disease, hair loss, scaly skin, birth defects. Over time, too much can increase risk of leg fractures due to osteoporosis in people past menopause and over 50 (JWVE)
B⁶ 	Helps maintain fatty acids, carbs, proteins, stress, bone-formation (JNC) Helps immune system, production of serotonin, dopamine (JWVE)	Too much over time may cause nerve damage (JWVE)
B¹² 	Helps red blood cells form (JNC, JWVE) Helps metabolize carbs, fats, proteins (JNC)	Because data on adverse effects are limited, caution may be warranted (JCM)
C 	Helps wound healing, tissue formation (JNC, JWVE) Helps metabolize fats, proteins, maintain teeth, bones, gums (JNC) Helps iron absorption, immune system, production of collagen, serotonin, helps prevent bruising. Neutralizes free radicals (JWVE)	May cause a rash, interfere with iron metabolism, and reduce kidney stones (JWVE, JCM) High doses may provide benefits. Inconsistent results show C prevents cancer, catenates heart disease the common cold (JWVE)
D 	Helps with the absorption, use of calcium and bone formation (JNC, JWVE, JCM) Helps maintain teeth and bones (JNC, JWVE) May reduce risk of cancer, heart disease, hypertension, osteoporosis (JWVE)	Too much may cause hypercalcemia (JCM)

SOURCES:

University of California, Berkeley Wellness Report (JWVE); Entry for Optimal Health 2006; Health Canada Multi-Vitamin/Mineral Supplement Monographs, Oct. 22, 2007 (JNC); Institute of Medicine (JCM); Dietary Reference Intake Tables, Bethesda, Vitamin

SUPPLEMENT	BENEFITS	WARNINGS
E 	An antioxidant, neutralizes damaging free radicals, helps red blood cells form, and the body use vitamin K. May reduce blood's ability to clot, thus decreasing the risk of heart attack. May help reduce inflammatory processes (JWVE)	Too much can cause blurred vision, dizziness, drowsiness, headache. People taking blood clotting drugs should consult doctor (JWVE, JCM) Too much may cause hemorrhagic toxicity (JCM)
K 	Helps develop and maintain bones (JNC, JWVE, JCM) Essential for blood clotting (JWVE, JCM) May help bone strength in the elderly (JWVE)	People taking blood thinners should consult doctor (JNC, JWVE, JCM) Excessive data on adverse effects are limited, caution may be warranted (JCM)
CALCIUM 	Helps maintain bones (JNC, JWVE, JCM) Helps maintain teeth (JNC) Helps blood clotting, helps relax muscle contraction, nerve impulses. Helps cardiovascular system, may help prevent osteoporosis, hypertension (JWVE)	Too much may cause kidney stones, hypertension, milk alkali syndrome, renal problems (JWVE)
IRON 	Helps red blood cells form and function (JNC, JWVE) May lead to headaches, sexual dysfunction, joint pain, diabetes, heart failure in people who have hemochromatosis, a hereditary disorder that causes them to absorb too much iron (JWVE)	May cause constipation, diarrhea, vomiting (JNC, JCM) May lead to headaches, sexual dysfunction, joint pain, diabetes, heart failure in people who have hemochromatosis, a hereditary disorder that causes them to absorb too much iron (JWVE)
MAGNESIUM 	Helps metabolize carbs, fats, proteins. Helps maintain bones, teeth, muscle function (JNC, JWVE) Helps nerve function, heart rhythm regulation. May help prevent hypertension, diabetes, coronary artery disease (JWVE)	May cause diarrhea (JNC, JCM) People with kidney disease should be careful. Monitor intake (JWVE)
SELENIUM 	Works with vitamin E, helps regulate use of vitamin C. Needed for thyroid function (JWVE, JCM) May help protect against some cancers, asthma, heart attack, rheumatoid arthritis, male infertility (JWVE)	People with a history of severe iodine deficiency should consult doctor (JNC) Too much can be harmful (JWVE) Too much can lead to hair and nail brittleness and loss (JCM)
ZINC 	Helps maintain immune function, skin tissue formation, metabolism of carbs, fats, proteins (JNC) Regulates cholesterol growth, wound healing, immune system function. May protect against age-related macular degeneration, help shorten colds (JWVE)	May cause copper deficiency (JNC, JWVE, JCM) Excess may impair blood cell formation, depress immune system, reduce good cholesterol, sexual virility, decrease zinc (JWVE) Zinc spray may cause loss of smell (JWVE)

est pills because of a "once-is-good-to-more-is-better" mentality that experts say is pervasive throughout North America. Since 1990, Health Canada and the Institute of Medicine have declined "any noticeable level" for most vitamins and minerals, which indicate the maximum amount that can be consumed with no adverse effect. But those don't say why people use labels, and most people aren't aware they exist at all.

Also unknown to many consumers are the bio-chemicals of nutrient supplements and prescription medications. "Vitamins E," says Leidy, "has interactions with blood thinners such as warfarin. It can increase the same compound effect so you're more prone to bleeding." And vitamin E, he says, can prevent the body from absorbing antibiotics, which are commonly prescribed over-the-counter (OTC) and prescription drugs.

Even people who aren't on doctor-prescribed drugs but have a particular medical history can run into trouble when they take nutrient supplements. According to Health Canada and the Berkeley Wellness Letter, if you have kidney disease, consumption isn't for you. Selenium isn't great for people who have had non-melanoma skin cancer, and niacin should be avoided if you have diabetes, gout, peptic ulcers, liver disease or glaucoma. And people who have hemochromatosis, a hereditary disorder that causes them to absorb too much iron, should not take more of it or they may suffer sexual dysfunction, joint pain, headaches and diabetes.

One of the most risky aspects of nutrient and mineral supplementation is that some people are indifferent or don't believe that it's important to talk to their medical doctor about natural health products before taking them, according to a 2007 report by the University of Health Canada Dr. Larry Reynolds, Winnipeg family physician and professor at the University of Manitoba, says that physicians tend to be suspicious or dismissive of alternative health models, and stipulation use can trigger a conflict between them and their patients. "There are many people who are understandably afraid of doctors," he says. "I can be scary, neither diagnosis can be scary."

Instead, people self-prescribe based on print media (16 per cent) or info from friends, family and colleagues (66 per cent), revealed a survey by the Canadian Council of Food and Nutrition. That's scary because serious conditions may go undetected for too long, says Reynolds, though he acknowledges patients' desire to feel independent. "They say, 'I'm losing weight and I have sexual problems, so I'll take extra zinc,' because they think it's an independent problem," he explains. "But we want to make sure that it's not cancer of

the stomach or bowel. That's why it's important that we work together."

At Sciense Health, a private medical clinic in Toronto, the use of vitamins and mineral supplements is an essential part of keeping patients healthy. In terms of physicians, naturopaths, fitness trainers and psychologists practice naturopathy, which uses diet and food allergy blood tests and a computerized diagnostic model to determine each patient's risk for diseases and nutrient deficiencies. That information gets translated into a tailored menu of high-dose, highly bioavailable (very absorbable) vitamins and mineral supplements that are taken for a time, then reevaluated and adjusted depending on changing needs.

"Supplements," says Sciense's co-founder and chief medical officer Dr. Elaine Chin, "should be treated as a form of medication, and used in a very targeted, evidence-based way." She believes that the evolution of personalized medicine will be rooted in this kind of preventative approach to health care using supplementary nutrients and lifestyle. "When applied, that vitamins and mineral pills can be tremendously beneficial." "If you are low on something, then you are given that nutrient, you'll have a turnaround," she explains. "For every true deficiency, the nutrient has a wonderful effect."

But far more of us, in the land of complex and aggressive care offered at Sciense is unknown, three-quarters of us aren't even able to see physicians the same day we need one. And considering the current doctor shortage, many observers don't see many natural personal medicine becoming common any time soon. Reynolds says that his performance to focus on the known needs of patients over time is the growing area of medicine. "It does hold promise," he says, "but we're not there yet."

The biggest need in nutrition lately has been vitamin D. Newspapers have run stories under headlines such as "D for disease free." The list of terrible sicknesses that recent studies suggest could be turned off—if only people would consume enough D pills—and risk diabetes, osteoporosis, multiple sclerosis, and cancers of the breast, colon, stomach and prostate. "I dare say it's been the most positive science we've seen since," says Harrington about D's possible role in cancer prevention.

Last June, the Canadian Cancer Society began urging adults to consume during the fall and winter 1,000 international units of vitamin D supplements every day—a dose higher than even Health Canada has rec-

ommended. Several months earlier the government agency offered its own endorsement in the latest edition of the Food Guide; it follows, for the first time, recommendations that men and women over 50 take 400 IU of vitamin D tablets daily (Health Canada says it's premature to increase the recommended amount, and won't change it until the Institute of Medicine does too.)

Considering the promise, some doubt is understandable. "The more I read about vitamin D, the more I get excited," says Willett, but he cautions before it among the leaders, but a "moderate" and because, the says, vitamins often "just get up to work in all kinds of ways. It's the normal and common without tapping it a little bit."

That studies get put out as universally science is misleading, says Chin, who cautions people to consider many variables when reading about the latest research. "We say that all the time in our clinic: one size doesn't fit all," she says. Even in its recommendations about vitamin D, the Cancer Society points out that people who are older or have dark skin should consider taking the supplement throughout the year rather than just in the fall and winter because they are at higher risk of deficiency.

In the absence of a medical consultation, some people are taking vitamins and minerals when they don't need them or taking the wrong ones. Commonly, people who could benefit from nutrient pills—such as those who can't afford plenty of high-quality food—don't take any supplements. The National Institutes of Health study that showed the safety and quality of multivitamins is insufficient, also found that, "Ironically, populations at highest risk for nutritional inadequacy...are the least likely to use such products."

Meanwhile, all these healthy, active, educated people with enough income to purchase good food and less of nutrient struggle may be "just throwing their money out the window," says Shari Doshi, a registered holistic nutritionist in Newmarket, Ont., who owns two health clubs. "People run blindly to pick up something and they don't know enough about it. And it's not necessarily going to do anything for them. We've

become so reliant on eating the quick fix." Sick people are also increasingly relying on dietary supplements, especially when their doctor's prescriptions don't seem effective or when they're on a long wait list. A 2008 study in the *Journal of the American Dietetic Association* revealed that adults with cancer or chronic conditions had a higher prevalence of supplement use than those reporting no illness. "It can happen with people who may be suspicious of the health care system, or who live in a condition where the health care system might not be as helpful," says physician Reynolds. "They're understandably desperate for alternatives of symptoms or for a cure, and if medical medicine isn't working then it's understandable they

I'm from the industry and I believe this: if it sounds too good to be true, it probably is'

would look for healing elsewhere."

So what are consumers supposed to do? The last word across the spectrum of experts appears to be that if anyone wants to get or stay healthy, "the first thing people should do is eat well," says Swartzberg. That means whole foods, advice that, as we consumed in a farm more similar to how they grew. If that's happening and a person is healthy, then a naturopathic doctor Seely says then may not be needed for a supplement. But that's not always possible, notes Willett. And does they not be the only factor to consider. So, many of them say, if someone is going to take any complementary pills, it's imperative the talk with her doctor or pharmacist—who is not always available and knowledgeable—not a naturopathic doctor or dietitian too.

And be skeptical about the latest, greatest research. "New information is always disinformation. It stands to be questioned," says Harrington. "I'm from the industry and I believe this if it sounds too good to be true, it probably is." In an apt metaphor for the confusing, contradictory nature of vitamins and mineral supplements, he adds, "Then again, wonderful things can happen, and to square that would be equally foolish." ■

CLEAR THE AIR WITH YOUR GRUBBY HAIR

Science is proving that dirty, grubby hair is effective in absorbing toxins. Ground-level toxins cause respiratory problems and can even threaten death. But when University of Missouri researchers exposed shaved hair's surface of some 24 hours they found that it absorbed up to 10 times more toxins than freshly shaved hair. The downside, apart from offending people, is that dirty hair can produce other lung irritants, such as 4-octopentanol.

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I'm watching it while it lasts. With global warming on the way, it's just a matter of time before our world's great natural beaches—and beach volleyball players—will have been blown to smithereens.

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ANA IVANOVIC

INTERVIEW: *Belgrade, Serbia*
RANK: 2
SHOULDERS TELLS US: WHAT COMMENTATORS SEE: A super-hander who can seal the closing ground strokes. Think a more fluent-looking version of Jennifer Capriati.
WHAT COACHES SAY: Ailing Gomer. Dera says and she's right. A 20-year-old who was born of parents, such as "I'm very excited." Which is very exciting.



ROGER FEDERER

INTERVIEW: *Basel, Switzerland*
RANK: 1
SHOULDERS TELLS US: WHAT COMMENTATORS SEE: A flawless off-court game and a mother-like ability to exploit opponents' weaknesses. In John McEnroe's words, "He's got the greatest powerable side ever lived."
WHAT COACHES SAY: More reliable than passionate, the "Swiss Movement" is the type you want. Specific as language, looks great in short shorts and adorable little in public. Plan: He's earned US\$40 million in prize money. Not endearing. Just pretty money.



MARIA SHARAPOVA

INTERVIEW: *Yuzovka, Russia*
RANK: 5
SHOULDERS TELLS US: WHAT COMMENTATORS SEE: A brightener who loves the beach. Has a respect for the fact that sometimes tennis does downing leg joints.
WHAT COACHES SAY: The cream of the crop body of the "Russian Revolution" who's the star of the 2006 Wimbledon. She's also the star of the 2006 Wimbledon. And she's not the only one who's the star of the 2006 Wimbledon. And she's not the only one who's the star of the 2006 Wimbledon.



RAFAEL NADAL

INTERVIEW: *Mallorca, Mallorca, Spain*
RANK: 2
SHOULDERS TELLS US: WHAT COMMENTATORS SEE: A powerful groundstroke and a respect for the fact that sometimes tennis does downing leg joints. He's also the star of the 2006 Wimbledon. And he's not the only one who's the star of the 2006 Wimbledon.



ELENA DEMENTIEVA

INTERVIEW: *Moscow, Russia*
RANK: 8
SHOULDERS TELLS US: WHAT COMMENTATORS SEE: Another Russian player with a two-handed backhand and a deadly forehand. A tennis star looking, that's all. According to Tennis Magazine, "The star of the 2006 Wimbledon. She's also the star of the 2006 Wimbledon. And she's not the only one who's the star of the 2006 Wimbledon."



NOVAK DJOKOVIC

INTERVIEW: *Belgrade, Serbia*
RANK: 3
SHOULDERS TELLS US: WHAT COMMENTATORS SEE: A delicious baseline game, particularly the moving strokes. In the past, he's done opponents with his backhand. But he's also the star of the 2006 Wimbledon. And he's not the only one who's the star of the 2006 Wimbledon.



JUSTINE HENIN

INTERVIEW: *Lille, Belgium*
RANK: 4
SHOULDERS TELLS US: WHAT COMMENTATORS SEE: A spectacular one-handed backhand. Gorgeous set play. A brilliant reaction who's also a bit of a tennis star. In the past, he's done opponents with his backhand. But he's also the star of the 2006 Wimbledon. And he's not the only one who's the star of the 2006 Wimbledon.



ANDY RODDICK

INTERVIEW: *Quebec, New York*
RANK: 6
SHOULDERS TELLS US: WHAT COMMENTATORS SEE: A true crowd-pleaser who's also a bit of a tennis star. In the past, he's done opponents with his backhand. But he's also the star of the 2006 Wimbledon. And he's not the only one who's the star of the 2006 Wimbledon.



SERENA WILLIAMS

INTERVIEW: *Saginaw, Michigan*
RANK: 9
SHOULDERS TELLS US: WHAT COMMENTATORS SEE: An aggressive backhand with a two-handed backhand. A tennis star looking, that's all. According to Tennis Magazine, "The star of the 2006 Wimbledon. She's also the star of the 2006 Wimbledon. And she's not the only one who's the star of the 2006 Wimbledon."



FELICIANO LOPEZ

INTERVIEW: *Valencia, Spain*
RANK: 30
SHOULDERS TELLS US: WHAT COMMENTATORS SEE: A powerful groundstroke and a respect for the fact that sometimes tennis does downing leg joints. He's also the star of the 2006 Wimbledon. And he's not the only one who's the star of the 2006 Wimbledon.

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Roll with the changes

The most popular rec sport of the 90s continues its evolution

Inline skates have had quite a history. The first inline skate was designed in the 1700s, though it was originally very unstable and never patented. It would take 200 more years for inline skates to really take off. By the 1990s, inline skating had one of the most frenetic surges in popularity that any recreational sport has ever seen. Inline skating would soon become the gold standard for social activities outdoors—millions upon millions of inline skaters would take to the concrete to burn calories, sculpt the muscles of their legs and hips, and to get a fun and exhilarating cardiovascular workout. Inline hockey came into existence shortly thereafter and, sometime around the mid-90s, inline hockey actually surpassed ice hockey in popularity in North America.

From the first attempted invention back in 1700 to the extreme sport we know today, inline skating has had quite a ride.



1 **Roller Blade Genesis 6.0 Men's Training Skate** (147 lbs) Skating is up with the 5 star in-line skates, featuring the off-muscle skates and the 40mm wheels. The 40mm wheels are designed to absorb the energy through the 40mm wheels, and rolling on the 40mm wheels is a great way to get a workout.

2 **Roller Blade Viper Extreme 10.0 Men's Inline Hockey Skate** (147 lbs) Classic look of the Viper line with the One-Up performance chassis. Hyper Blade 10.0mm wheels and the 40mm wheels. The 40mm wheels are designed to absorb the energy through the 40mm wheels, and rolling on the 40mm wheels is a great way to get a workout.

3 **Roller Blade Speed Women's Fitness Skate** (147 lbs) Women who want to get a workout on their skates are going to love this one. With 10.0mm wheels and 40mm wheels. The 40mm wheels are designed to absorb the energy through the 40mm wheels, and rolling on the 40mm wheels is a great way to get a workout.

4 **Roller Blade Viper Extreme 10.0 Men's Inline Hockey Skate** (147 lbs) Classic look of the Viper line with the One-Up performance chassis. Hyper Blade 10.0mm wheels and the 40mm wheels. The 40mm wheels are designed to absorb the energy through the 40mm wheels, and rolling on the 40mm wheels is a great way to get a workout.

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In September of 2007, Ivan Horta downhill teammates Sam Hill of Australia and Sabrina Jonnier of France captured the UCI World Championships for the second straight year at the Elite Downhill World Championships in Pen-Y-Bont, Scotland. Both Sam and Sabrina rode the Iron Horse Sunday across the finish line.

The Sunday is Iron Horse's signature downhill racing take and has changed the face of downhill racing by putting a World Cup-level, waste-type machine into the hands of the fans and riders themselves. With Sport Chicks Iron Horse Special Order program, you can mount the very same series of bikes as ridden by these two elite downhill athletes. No assembly required—we can take care of that for you.



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Licence to thrill

Figure 1.2 UNIT 1

Iron Horse has been in the mountain bike biz for a long time and in addition to its fierce crop of aggressive downhill racing bikes, they also offer solid off-road bikes for the budget-conscious trail rider. The Maroon 3.0 is a rugged yet lightweight hardtail bike with Maxxrock's Bomba suspension in the front end for absorbing to the hilt of 130mm of travel as you descend down the trail. It is a clean, hard ride for parents who enjoy the classic ride of a hardtail bike and it's only available at Sport Cycle.



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The Maverick line of bikes is designed for recreational trail and cross-country riders, and people just breaking into the sport of mountain biking. The Maverick 3.3 features many of the same features you'll find in any high-end trail bike—including a revised downtube, SR Suntour 100mm suspension fork, Shimano Altus mid-drive shifter and disc brakes—but with a more affordable price tag.



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Summer fit fixes

Peel yourself out of your hammock

There's something to be said for the cold weather and short daylight hours in the winter that makes us want to head into warm yoga studios or brightly lit gym. Once things start heating up outside, though, many of our fitness programs cool off. The summer season offers up a lot of warm-weather indulgences that can potentially send your general fitness program into a tailspin. Luckily for every summer time, so do, there's a reliable fitness fix that will keep you on track.



1. Adidas Adizero Boston 10's Running Shoe \$110.00 This super light and optional runner for added features the ultralight Flyknit technology to bring you one of the lightest pieces of footwear available. What won't it move? Then, purchase the superior ventilation offered by a Silver Cloud Comfort system to keep your feet cool and clear breezes by the competition.



Colors may vary by location.



3. Nike FuelBand SE \$110.00 If you can't get yourself to take back yourself up with a little fuel, this device sends a signal to your smartphone to track your progress about your walk. You'll get to your fitness goals in less time than you think it will. It's not just a fitness tracker, it's a motivator.

Summertime indulgence #1:
A hot dog with all the fixin's

Malweys, hot dogs, street vendors, ballpark... Whenever you go, there are hot dogs tempting your willpower. Hot dogs with cheese, hot dogs with chili, even specialty hot dogs topped with peanuts, chips and hot wings. Every dog, aside a regular old smoker with all the toppings weighs in at around 600 calories.

Fitness Fix: Running or walking

Be sure off that loaded hot dog, fire up your sneakers and hit the pavement. One hour of moderate walking with a couple of sprints will burn in can burn those 600 calories. Crank up the tempo and turn your walk into a jog and you can note off that whole smokin' smokin' some... one hour of moderate jogging burns about 600 calories.



2. Nike Free RN \$110.00 A lightweight, cushioned, supportive, walking shoe designed for fast-paced urban walking. The shoe features a Medial Post on the inside edge of the shoe to help prevent your foot from "rolling" as you walk. This shoe features a lightweight cushioning on both heel and forefoot for exceptional shock absorption. A comfortable shoe made specifically for walking that'll keep your feet happy as you make your "urban hike" way can you.



Summer indulgence #2: beers on a patio...

A cold pin of beer or a slushy cocktail on a patio sounds pretty much like just what the doctor ordered for winter-weary Canadians on a hot summer's day. The calories in an alcoholic beverage—or a non-alcoholic, fruity concoction—are what are often referred to in the nutrition world as "empty calories." We get very little actual nutrition from these types of beverages, and they pack a big punch in terms of total calorie count. Plus, calories from a hot drink tend to settle in fat around our midsections—this is where the term "beer belly" derives.

Fitness Fix: Yoga and Pilates

Time a belly fat by practicing a little yoga or Pilates. These "mind/body" fitness programs are so named because they involve connection your mental awareness to your breath and your body, focusing on how your body feels, rather than what it looks like. In fact, it's not a yoga or Pilates workout will kick your butt harder than you might expect. These disciplines are very heavy on core conditioning and will help to flatten up any midsection that's seen more than its fair share of patio and patio.



1. Oneness Pilates Yoga Mat \$100.00 Works smoothly, cleans for yourself—and the planet—with this quality eco-friendly mat, designed especially for Pilates and yoga. Made from Thermal Plastic Elastomer foam, this mat offers some soft cushioning, a sticky grip for hands and feet during prep positions, and is 100% recyclable and biodegradable.

2. Under Armour Women's Strength 3X Sports Bra \$110.00 This sports bra by Under Armour features quality construction to keep everything safely in place during moderate-high- and low-impact activities. It was even voted one of the best sports bras on the market today by some notable magazines.

Summer indulgence #3: Lounging...

A hammock, a good book and a summer breeze send the ingredients to the perfect Sunday afternoon. Lying around on your back, both of hammock doesn't have to be a diet nightmare, as long as you choose healthy snacks, and stay hydrated by sipping on water. Too much lounging, though, can reduce your muscle tone which, in turn, will cause your metabolism to slow down and body fat to increase.

Fitness Fix: 15 minutes of resistance training per day

To combat the risk of increased body fat due to inactivity, keep yourself moving and put your muscles to the test. Even just 15 minutes of resistance training a day is enough to maintain muscle tone. Here's a challenge: every time you get up from your chair to freshen up your drink, crank out ten pushups. By the end of the summer, you'll have developed some nice upper body tone and will have kept your body fat in bay.

2. The Perfect Push-up \$110.00 The Perfect Pushup's rotating handles allow your arms to rotate naturally to reduce any strain when you push a pump or press up a dumbbell. This unique feature engages more muscles and helps reduce joint pain. Works for any fitness level.

4. Grapenhof Hammock & Chair \$110.00 Finally, a strength training exercise you can do from the comfort of your hammock. The Grapenhof Hammock and Chair comes with finger individually for support hand and forearm control—change frames if you're in a pinch.



Tee up to tourney time

The annual company golf tourney is always a fun event among coworkers. A chance to loosen your tie or let your hair down, and work on that all-important camaraderie with the people with whom you share your cubicle space. That is, unless you're trying to scale your way up a corporate ladder of some sort. Then it becomes a crisis of networking kind.

In that case, you'll need to do whatever it takes to impress the boss at your company's tournament. Start with a trip to Sport Chek to load up on this year's must-have golf gear. This handy study guide will help you come off like the pro before you're promoting to be.

TaylorMade RB-XL Driver (\$79.99) A forgiving club that makes it easy to launch the amber-colored RB-XL will be your go-to driver.

Casual-looking, one-eye-on-the-ball-and-one-eye-on-your-ball.

TaylorMade RB-XL Hybrid (\$79.99) The larger steel clubhead on the RB-XL hybrid means you'll get greater forgiveness on off-center hits.

Swing Pros Golf Glove (\$14.99) Prescription-friendly with UVR and UVB protection.

TaylorMade Burner Golf Glove (\$14.99) High-grade California leather and Cordura® wrist strap ensure a superior grip and moisture-wicking properties.



1. Callaway's Big Easy Cart Bag is designed with generous, well-positioned pockets that you can actually get into during your round.

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Nike Men's Dri-Fit Jersey (\$59.99) Stay cool and dry in this golf shirt that allows just enough stretch for maximum freedom of movement.

Smart Double-Mix Media Player (\$49.99) For those days when you REALLY need your coffee.

Nike Men's Dri-Fit Jersey (\$59.99) A light, loose-weave shirt for all your driving, chipping, putting, ball-picking-up needs.



Nike Air Max Recharge (\$79.99) Just like your most comfortable pair of Nike sneakers—with style.

Callaway Dual Force Putter (\$99.99) Showers, water-repellent material from the outer face to the perimeter of the putter-head, for more forgiveness and a true roll.

TaylorMade Burner Balls (\$29.99) 12-pack of low-compression core allows you to integrate the ball and dramatically increase the speed of your shots.

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LYNCHED BY THE LINKS

THE 1999 AMERICAN RYDER CUP, IT'S WHEN TIGER WOODS TOOK THE WORLD BY STORM. HERE'S A LOOK AT THE LINKS THAT MADE HIM A STAR.



STAMPED AMERICANS

THE OFFENDER
The 1999 American Ryder Cup team

THE VICTIM
Jose Maria Olazabal and his European teammates

THE CONTROVERSY
On the 17th hole of the competition's final day, Justin Leonard had a 49-foot putt to tie the Europeans. Lost in their eagerness, the Americans played, along with their caddies and wives, loudly cheered into the greens as Olazabal was about to putt.

THE REACTION
Olazabal missed his putt, and the Americans won the Ryder Cup.

THE OUTCOME
The Americans haven't won a Ryder Cup since.

CREATIVE ACCOUNTING

THE OFFENDER
Vijay Singh

THE VICTIM
The opponents

THE CONTROVERSY
As a young pro on the Asian Tour in 1995, Singh was accused of altering his scorecard at the end of a round in order to make a cut.

THE REACTION
Singh was banned from the Asian Tour.

THE OUTCOME
After struggling for years to find a way back to professional golf, Singh eventually made it to the PGA tour and briefly became the world's top-ranked player in 2004.

LYNCHED TIGER?

THE OFFENDER
Golf Channel anchor Kelly Tilghman (above)

THE VICTIM
Tiger Woods

THE CONTROVERSY
While discussing the challenges of beating Tiger Woods, Tilghman jokingly suggested on-air this January that his younger opponent "lynch him in a back alley."

THE REACTION
Tilghman issued a public apology and was suspended by the Golf Channel for two weeks.

THE OUTCOME
While Eugene has his *Ravenous* and *Al Sharpton* compared Tilghman to shock-jock Don Imus, who was fired for calling the Rutgers female basketball team a bunch of "sucky-headed bitches."

HOW TO BEAT TIGER WOODS—WITHOUT THE LYNCHING PART

By Graham Rowles



Employ professional Tiger, boffers Siegfried and Roy to throw him off his game.

Negotiate a sponsorship deal for Tiger behind his back for Dyson Vacuum's new Sports Line.

Deny him of his natural habitat by reforesting championship golf courses and gated estate communities.

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The 24-year-old turned heads at last year's U.S. Open of surfing, and landed a profile in glossy *Surfer* magazine. Not bad for a Canadian who's the country's top ranked pro in a sport that few people knew existed until recently. He talked to us about growing up on Vancouver Island, his favourite places to surf, and what every newbie surfer needs if you're brave enough to take the plunge.

HOW DID YOU GET STARTED? I grew up on Chesapeake Beach, near Totino, B.C. — my dad was one of the original surfers in the area. I started when I was seven. By the time I was 15, I was surfing almost every day, and I turned pro when I was 16. I don't think there ever was a point where I decided I was going to become a professional surfer—I just loved being in the water, it's all I wanted to do.

WHEN YOU'RE SURFING AROUND HOW DO PEOPLE REACT WHEN THEY FIND OUT YOU'RE CANADIAN? People will get surprised, especially some Americans—they don't realise Canada has a huge coastline and some really great waves. And the water's not that cold. The surf scene here is growing, and I'm seeing more kids get into it at an early age. Hopefully future pros will be able to earn a living from sponsors in Canada.

WHAT ARE SOME THINGS A FIRST-TIME CANADIAN SWIMMER NEEDS TO KNOW? "Wear a wetsuit—if summer, it should be three or four millimeters thick. In winter, it needs to be five or six millimeters, and you need a hood, boots and gloves. Your biggest concern is the cold—you need to know when enough is enough. If you're in the water too long without proper equipment, you can get hypothermia pretty easily. And be prepared for a range of weather—the Water Center can go from snow to hail to rain to sun in one day."

DEVRIES'S JOURNAL-SALES



INDONESIA "It's one place, in the world every sister wants to go. It's more than the five white women, it's the overall quality—the Indian Ocean is so clean, and it's got some really good people that are liberal just right, just some amazing stuff."

ATLANTA "I was at Winery and when I got out the planning trip to Jeffrey's Bay, South Africa, and Dubai which has only been started a few times before. I definitely took the trip, it was very nice and very relaxing."

TORINO 2006 The wideness of the Italian mountains is not like anywhere else in the world. There are some really good ski schools around here – one lesson is usually enough to get you started.”

NOON SCOTIA: "I competed there last September at the Bixby's Springer Storm Surf Classic (where he won first place at the men's division). I've had some amazing runs in the West Coast."

HAWAII "It is a lot like the West Coast—the weather can be from one extreme to the other in the blink of an eye."

GIDGET'S REVENGE

Now, just how much surfing is going on out there? Well, it's time to visit one of three all-female surf locations and riding the crest of the wave.

SEEK SISTER www.seekyourtwin.com

The Yalco II C-based surf school promises to make it a suppersite job go girl environment with two-day camps in the luxe Pacific Sands Beach Resort on Cox Bay. From \$165.



ARTICLE CONTAINS 10 QUESTIONS

But yoga packages for groups of up to six others start at US\$500 per person, while cool ramps at Playa Hermosa, known for head-high surf years round, go for US\$300 and up.

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Women 25 to 70 flock to these high-end "spa centers" in Sayulita, Mexico, from November to June, and on the Days Pasaules in June and July. Packages from \$650-\$900.

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The summer boarding school week long camps for teens and adults in San Diego, Calif. include twice-daily lessons for beginner to advanced surfers, strolled in the beach in the pink "Barbie Bus." Free US\$2,485



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WITH MORE CANADIAN CHILDREN NOW PLAYING SOCCER THAN EVER, WE HAVE OUR SHARE OF TALENT MAKING WAVES AROUND THE GLOBE

DAVID EDGAR

AGE: 19
HOMETOWN: Kitchener, Ont.
POSITION: Defender
CURRENT TEAM: Newcastle United, English Premier League
CLAIM TO FAME: Scored young goal against Manchester United in his second game with Newcastle's first side this season
QUIRKY FACT: Quin hockey though his father thought he was better on the ice than on the pitch, and as a kid moved to England for better coaching



PAUL STULTZ
AGE: 30

HOMETOWN: Winnipeg, Ont.
POSITION: Fullback
CURRENT TEAM: Chicago Fire, from "Soccerbros" Hotspur, both of the English Premier League
CLAIM TO FAME: Played on the biggest stage, the Champions League, for Werder Bremen, a championship side in the German Bundesliga
QUIRKY FACT: Attended Clemson University in South Carolina on a soccer scholarship, later played for the Toronto Lynx

YEMKSE KAZINDI
AGE: 34

HOMETOWN: Toronto
POSITION: Forward
CURRENT TEAM: Shamrock St. Mary's high school in Parkville, Miss.
CLAIM TO FAME: Amazing career of teams in the English Premier League
QUIRKY FACT: "It's hard, Alex Burnaby, a soccer of Canada, in the third-leading score in the history of the Canadian national team."

OLIVER OCEAN
AGE: 25

HOMETOWN: Brampton, Que.
POSITION: Forward
CURRENT TEAM: Tottenham Hotspur (Nigeria)
CLAIM TO FAME: A Nigerian soccer star, Okeke, played in an exhibition against Ocean's Mediterranean and he impressed the opponents so much that they offered him a contract
QUIRKY FACT: Played NCAA soccer at a small southern Connecticut university, signed a five-year contract with Tottenham in 2005 worth about \$500,000 euros



SHOULD I STAY OR SHOULD I GO?

Why heading across the Pacific to the Olympic Games this summer could either be the best or worst vacation ever

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WHY YOU SHOULD GO TO BEIJING

1. Beach games have been banned, so you won't get to relax and then understand the rules at all.
2. The road to the Olympics is long, so you'll have a long drive home.
3. Police officers are ready to beat you to get into "go and see summer show."
4. Air quality is improved for two consecutive years, so it's like visiting a light house.
5. The Olympic torch is burning, so you'll be the only one who can see it from the air.
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China is a great place to visit, but it's not the best place to visit.

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WHY YOU SHOULD NOT GO

1. While you can see the Olympic torch, you can't see the Olympic torch.
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ANOTHER WALK IN THE PARK

We'll not easily be there as you can go to the Olympic Games this summer could either be the best or worst vacation ever

MANCHESTER INTERNATIONAL MARATHON

The course, down a road, winding through the park and the park, is a great place to go. You'll have a great time, and you'll have a great time.

SAN DIEGO 10K IN ROLL MARATHON

More than 4000 runners are participating in this race to keep you pumped. The race is a great place to go. You'll have a great time, and you'll have a great time.

MANTON MARATHON

This course is a great place to go. You'll have a great time, and you'll have a great time. The course is a great place to go. You'll have a great time, and you'll have a great time.

MAYOR'S MIDWINTER SUN MARATHON

It's a great place to go. You'll have a great time, and you'll have a great time. The course is a great place to go. You'll have a great time, and you'll have a great time.

WINDMILL MARATHON

It's a great place to go. You'll have a great time, and you'll have a great time. The course is a great place to go. You'll have a great time, and you'll have a great time.



EXTREME FUN WITHOUT BREAKING A SWEAT

These roller-coaster-like attractions will give you the adrenaline pumping in your veins without the heat.



ME, RUN A MARATHON?

With all the health and fitness advice you can get, it's hard to know what to do. Here are some tips to help you get started.



WHAT TO WEAR

No new shoes! Wear the ones you've been running in. Imagine how a blister will feel after 42.2 miles.

BEFORE THE STARTING GUN

Half an hour before the race, there's a mad dash for the porta-potties. Give yourself enough time to go.

URING THE RACE

Take yourself—adrenaline will kick in and you'll want to pass everyone. Make sure you walk every 40 to 50 minutes.

AFTER YOU FINISH

Have a post-race bag ready with clean socks, deodorant, and something to look forward to—Doritos!

NUTRITION

Running a marathon is a great way to stay fit. You'll have a great time, and you'll have a great time. The course is a great place to go. You'll have a great time, and you'll have a great time.

HYDRATION

It's a great place to go. You'll have a great time, and you'll have a great time. The course is a great place to go. You'll have a great time, and you'll have a great time.

RECOVERY

It's a great place to go. You'll have a great time, and you'll have a great time. The course is a great place to go. You'll have a great time, and you'll have a great time.



TO MAKE MATTERS even worse, toddlers tend to sleep in the most ridiculous positions

Why Daddy sleeps in a princess bed

A new book called 'Toddlers Gone Wild!' documents strange nightly migrations
BY REBECCA ECKLER

This morning I woke up in my three-year-old daughter's princess bed. My daughter was not beside me; she was sleeping soundly in the marital bed—alone. She looked pretty damn comfortable when I went in to check on her after untangling myself from her Disney sheets. Of course she looked comfortable. How could she not have been? She had an ensnaring-use bed to herself, complete with the 500 thread-count sheet and the good pillow that made you feel like you're sleeping on a cloud.

The Prince? Was in the spare bedroom, missing out on his bunk. The spare bedroom has one of those pillow coaches that runs

into a bed when you pump it up with air. Sleeping on a bed like this is probably more comfortable than sleeping on our pump-up bed in the spare bedroom. So I understood why the Prince was all, "F--- it! My back! F--- it! I didn't sleep at all! F--- it! I can't believe I have to go to work like this!"

My daughter's princess bed is a tad more comfortable than the pillow, pump-up bed—and c'mon! Her sheets, which are almost as comfortable as sleeping on sandpaper. Someone should really come up with 500 thread-count Disney Explorer and Disney shorts, because parents end up sleeping in children's beds as often, if not more often, than their kids do.

I know that when I went to bed last night, I was with the Prince in the marital bed, and our daughter was in her bed. I am never quite sure how I ended up where I do each morning. For the last two years, ever since our daughter moved into her big girl's bed, I woke up

feeling like I ate at the previous night's going-away party after drinking too many red wine and vodka sodas. Remember when you used to ask yourself, after missing red wine and vodka, "How much did I get home?" Well now, the question is, "How did I end up in this room?" Like a bad hangover, the events of the previous night foggy yet haunting back to you. Oh, right. That's what went down.

I think the Prince and I were sleeping soundly when our daughter came into our room, crying and wanting to sleep with me. It was sometime after 1 a.m. The Prince has one main rule, which is that our toddler can't sleep in our bed. Ever. Which means, usually, that I end up going back to bed in our daughter's room. But, last night, thinking the Prince was sound asleep—and mostly because I was too tired to get out of bed to take my toddler back into her bedroom—I just pulled her up beside me. I tried to remain as close to the edge of the bed as possible with her, without falling off, so the Prince wouldn't know she was there.

Which is ridiculous. Of course he knew she was in bed with us. She was whimpering, "I want to sleep in your bed!" while I was heartily snoring. "Shhh! It's quiet! Daddy won't let you sleep here! So you have to be quiet!"

But even if she hadn't been crying and

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containing, "I want to sleep in your bed," the furnace would have woken up. Children sleep in the most ridiculous positions. Our daughter likes to sleep horizontally and unarmoured diagonally. I remember, at one point, literally pulling her with me to the other end of the bed (so our feet were next to the furnace) so she'd go to sleep in the other room. This also seemed like a ploy to prevent our toddler's arms from crushing his face.

The next thing I remember is the Franco morning my feet away from his face—I think, either I knew I had kicked him—and then stomping out of the room, huffing, "Thanks for looking me in the face!"

I remember thinking, "I wonder if he's just gone to the washroom." And then I remember wondering if he was even going to re-emerge just to our bed, but to our house. Don't.

Three hours later, I knew the answer. The Franco hadn't returned to our bed. I know this only because my daughter woke me up at 4 a.m. by lying on top of me. The rest of the bed was empty.

That was the point at which I realized that I couldn't sleep in the same bed with her either—what with her suffocating me as I went to sleep in between. Which is how our family of three ended up in three different bedrooms.

This, apparently, is a common occurrence. One of my friends and her husband always end up in their two sons' twin beds, while their two sons end up in their queen-size. As she puts it, "At a certain point in the middle of the night, it doesn't matter what mattress you end upon. You just want to sleep. You're lucky if you even get a mattress."

It's true. Parental sleeping rearrangements can remind you of a three-ring circus. There's so much happening under one roof, and all in such a short period of time!

To estimate that, since my daughter turned two, I've spent about two hours each night in the same bed as my Franco. There have been wails, even screams, when I don't sleep in the same bed with him as all I do this because I know my daughter will just start screaming in the middle of the night for me to sleep with her. Instead of waking up at some godly hour to go to her room, I figure it's just easier to start sleeping in her

bed. This way I won't have to drag my body out of bed as I'm trying not to walk into a wall on my way to get her.

Last week, after a fabled night, I woke up in the hallway on a pile of towels. Somehow, in the middle of the night, I had convinced myself that this was the only place I'd finally get some sleep. The Franco was in our daughter's room, my daughter (of course) was in the marital bed, and there was no way on earth I was sleeping in that pump-up thing that's supposedly a bed. There's nothing and der than waiting up on the floor in the hallway—alone—on a pile of dirty laundry. Trust me.

And it gets worse, or so I hear, when you have more than one child. "It was like a revolving door last night," my friend confessed to me about the sleeping rearrangements with her husband, her toddler, Ava, and Wyatt, her seven-month-old son. He sounded like she had been run over by a truck.

The night started out hopefully enough, she explained. She and her husband went to bed at 11 p.m., but at 4 a.m., Wyatt started to cry. She thought there was no calm in it. Ava usually, thanks to her brother's wails, in my friend went into Ava's room to deal with him. But Wyatt wouldn't stop crying, so she went to help her husband. Then Ava started crying out for "Daddy." Daddy went in Ava, while Mommy went back to her own bed room with Wyatt. Then Ava started screaming, so Mommy put Wyatt back into his crib, calmed him, and then went to Ava's room, while Daddy went back to their marital bed. Then Wyatt started crying again. "I ended up on the couch with the baby. And that all happened between 1 a.m. and 4 a.m.," my friend said, before adding, "Can you tell me what day of the week it is?"

There's definitely one thing you never want to ask your parents after a night of sleeping rearrangements—especially if the ends upon the spare pump-up bed after being kicked in the face by your screaming four-foot, with-toenails-to-sharp-you-could-probably-scale-up-a-tree, four-quarter-ton, "So how did you sleep last night?" because the answer is always, "Uhh. My bed! Puh-leez!"

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HALF OF WHAT'S MINE IS YOURS—EXACTLY HALF

As bloody-minded as he is precise, Brinkley Zylow has complied with a British court order to share all his property with his ex-wife, with whom he lived for 45 years. Zylow purchased a grinder and proceeded to cut all his farm tools in half, including cattle scales, a fence, and a sewing machine. He still hasn't decided how to split the cow. The real question is: Should he split the water—the part with the horns or the part with the tail?

HISTORY



ONE OF THE FIRST. Bill with actress friend, with Czech consul in 1938 on Spain in 1938.

UNDER THE INFLUENCE?

Fearing Communists, the RCMP kept tabs on Spanish civil war vets

Seventy years ago, a civil war raged in Spain between the country's left-leaning government, supported by the Soviet Union, and a military uprising led by General Francisco Franco and backed by Fascist Italy and Nazi Germany. Almost 3,700 Canadians defied Canadian law and volunteered to fight on the side of the Spanish government. More than 400 died. In a short excerpt from *Reconquered: Canadians in the Spanish Civil War*, author and Maclean's senior writer Michael Pitlor reveals how the armistice of the Manchurian Pogroms in 1939 were treated by the Canadian government and the RCMP for decades after the war.

The RCMP did not occupy on Canadian veterans of Spain, or its offering in their home, just because the government had decided not to prosecute them. Their files, once declassified, have long been almost entirely closed, and all RCMP members report and their warnings about what the veterans and their supporters might do—usually without any serious evidence to support the dire predictions. These reports begin in the 1930s and span at least six decades.

On Jan. 23, 1939, RCMP commissioner Stuart Taylor Wood wrote to the Canadian Legion of British Empire Service League to warn that Spanish war veterans might try to influence the organization. Four days later, J.R. Bowler, general secretary of the Canadian Legion, wrote Wood to say that he had received Wood's "secret letter." Bowler assured

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They're women who shop at Wal-Mart and watch 'Oprah'—until one day...

BY ANNE KINGSTON

tv

If Madonna Bussey were real for the 21st century, do central characters would likely end up on *Snapped*, the popular true-crime program about women who kill. These aren't typical female serial killers like Aileen Wuornos, whom played the Oscar-winning movie *Murder*. Rather, many of the murderers profiled on the half-hour docudrama are contemporary *Ernest* Boreys—ordinary women living in small towns, locked in dull marriages, conducting tawdry affairs, racking up debt they're desperate to hide from their mates. Only they'd never think to end their own lives with arsenic as *Ernest* did. No, like Lynn Turner of Atlanta, who lashed her

in 2004 on Oregon, the American cable channel whose dedication to female "empowerment" is partly underwritten by Oprah. So has a related online following, via *Oprah.com* and YouTube. Now Oregon's top-rated crime show, *Snapped* is broadcast in endless reruns—in one to three-hour blocks, as well as in "marathons" perfect for girls' nights. Closely programmers have figured out *Snapped* episodes are like potato-chips one just when the appetite.

What makes the program compulsively watchable, incidentally, is its surface banality. Subjects upon the scene exonerate rage (even but there's a woman-nerd-for-normalcy—until they "snap," that is). They shop at Wal-Mart, exercise at Curves and watch Oprah. "The program tries to pick subjects the average viewer can relate to," explains writer.



WOMEN NEED DOGS: They kill to get rid of husbands who interfere with their ambitions or just kick them off completely.

producer Donna Dubille.

At first glance, *Snapped* is an unlikely chick TV guilty pleasure. Shot in a shoestring budget, the given content is zero. A female voiceover tells each woman's story in a banal, factual manner. Home photos, dress-making instructions, glib crime-scene documentation and courtroom footage provide the visual interviews with the subject's family, friends, police, lawyers and journalists—and occasionally the subject herself—all out the narrative.

These real-life stories are far stranger—and more compelling—than fictional *Law and Order* or *CSI* fare. There's Lita Wheeler of Roseville, Texas, whose marriage came under strain after her daughter was born with Down syndrome. She commenced an affair with the agnate after church and convinced him to shoot her husband in a staged home burglary. (He had survived, while she made

the money into a prison account.)

There's denied voyeurism pleasure peering behind these subdivisions down, into a lurid landscape more chilling than anything David Lynch could dream up. This is a rare first-world indulgence by made-for-TV crime shows, apparently means the recognition that on TV, in its life, household idiom seldom get away with it. There's early cell case, only the detritus of a British detainer and lives ruined in its wake. Indeed, the program serves as reality-check TV for its viewers, one-sided docu-drama who probably harbor a few homicidal fantasies of their own. No matter how unhappy married or unloved she is, the female viewer can find solace in the fact her life has yet to reach that point of desperation at which she'd plot to slay her father or her children.

In its case studies, *Snapped* offers more than entertainment. Beneath the conven-

SNAPPED

and, a few years later, a boyfriend laid down of arsenic, they see me as the logical way out.

Snapped's very existence is testament to the fact women who kill remain cultural novelties. It's difficult to imagine a prime-time program profiling men who shoot, stab, poison, and otherwise exterminate their mates not drawing outrage. But female murderers have long been regarded in more entertaining fodder. Before they're viewed as abhorrent, like Wuornos, or fetishized as cult figures warning "you go girl" admonitions, like the two central characters in *Thelma and Louise*.

Snapped has struck a new nerve among its huge female following. Viewership and buzz have grown steadily since it went to air



terest facade lacks a persuasive message about female violence. It upends the conventional wisdom that women kill because they've, in a word, "gone crazy." It shows women in distress beyond their control, burnt depression, being brutal neighbors, or defending their families of the show's murderers fit in, like Laura Rogers who got off physical abuse from her son after he proposed to her in a jail after watching a videotape of her 35-year-old daughter die a family throat on him.

But most of the Snapped subjects know exactly what they're doing, even if their reasoning isn't exactly rational: they kill to relieve themselves of men who are interfering with their greater ambitions—or who merely have tickled them off enough. Cynthia George, for instance, a third runner up in the 2006 Ms. Ohio contest, conspired with her lover to put a hit on a former lover when he wouldn't stop call-

AN UNLIKELY CHICK TV HIT, IT'S FULL OF 'CSI'-ISH TIPS FOR HUSBANDICIDE

For TV series *Machete* and comic guy who practices art in a fleshiness, like the flycatcher in *Unsub* (the flycatcher is an irresponsible janitor) *Machete* Daniel short while sleeping by his brother's side. *Shane*, who was used of shooting the bell. The show has been credited with reducing in a sea change in the depiction of sexual violence—away from women as victims to more hard-fisted feminism with females who dance their apparent not only on other "empowering." *Ozzy* shows that also means crime shows like *CSI*. It's a stark shift downwards with a real-life increase in violence committed by women—particularly against homicide. (In Canada the number of men killed by their wives it up from 1 in 1029 to 11 in 2006.)

Dudek believes the show's appeal lies in its focus on psychology rather than forensics. Still, it's a show habitué.



with C-South had been made by Neri, his one, and perhaps his last, from her. That's what put Madame McGraw, a from New Jersey, away for life after she matched the containers used to stash his husband William's dismembered body in these under-the-kitchen sink. Staging a he in to cover a shooting is also a bad idea. That's how Amy Bosley tried to mask the killing of her husband, Bob, whom she shot to death before an IRS meeting that was reveal she'd stolen almost \$2 million in work from her business. As the docu on who surveyed the crime scene movie. "It was a made-for-TV crime scene, only didn't see the crime."

Snapped has critics. Advocates for former victims of domestic violence contend that show underplays the fact that most women who murder do so in self-defense. Critics that accusation goes as contrary as

their women's truth, even when there's no evidence any abuse took place. Some of Keppeler's female friends even attempted to establish a form of exorcism to purify the crime. Like Windle, the instance, tried to set up a history of abuse, calling 911 to say her husband was threatening her, though he hadn't. The program also reveals a double standard toward women in sentencing. Clearly some courts subscribe to the view that a woman would never kill of free will. That explains why Mary Windle, who persecuted her gynecologist husband after a bad chlamydia writing-up, was acquitted of first-degree murder in April 2007; convicted



FIVE CHARACTERS immortalized by Bob Newhart and Mary Tyler Moore already have costumes now: Henry Winkler's *Funny* gets his turn.

What's Milwaukee without the Fonz?

This city is one of many glorifying their fictional TV characters. Some residents don't like it.

BY JAMIE J. WEINMAN • The most famous person who ever lived in Milwaukee is one who didn't exist. That's the impression you'll get starring Augie, when a 16-year-old star of *Audrey "The First" Pennacchi Gray: Happy Days* swamviled near the Milwaukee River, complete with a dedication ceremony attended by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow. And the most unusual thing about this TV-character idol worship is that it isn't unusual at all when the Milwaukee Convention and Visitors

Kansas raised the big one for the statue, they were inspired by other cities that have put up statues of their favorite local residents. Missoula has a *Mary Tyler Moore* Show statue commemorating the day she showed her hat in the air. Bob Newhart is actually from Chicago but the city erected a statue not to him but to Bob Hartley, the Chicago-based character he played on *The Bob Newhart Show*. Whether they like it or not, the residents of a city have to deal with the legacy of people who never lived there.

eds' show *The Tender Life of Zach and Cody*, one young viewer wrote that he liked the show because "it takes place in Boston, and when the camera shows the Tipton house, you see my dad's work building." And Hugh Wilson, creator of the show *Wings* in Concord, says he's proud that "Concordians welcomed us with open arms when the cast went there, and after all these years I've never heard a single citizen have a negative comment."

Selectees from the residents came to represent both too strongly associated with a beach at California's different beach types. Mike Bertram, the director of the Marineland art gallery called it. Heberichs has announced his intention to shut down the gallery in protest of the Forestville relocation of his town. "I cannot let someone put a contemporary art gallery," he wrote on his website. "In my view, 'artefacts' is no longer to insert its limited resources in garbage instead of focusing its burgeoning art community." First, who must work in Ocean County, Calif., where the residents were arrested over their portrayal on the show? The O.C. goes something similar to Willard's people, "appreciate the artwork," they get from shows like Happy Days, but at the same time, they "want consumers to know they're more than what the show suggests."

But there's another side to the coin.

the story seems to fit with a TV show, even if the story does create an image of a woman whose stereotypical errors are positioned for someone like her to have. A story like *Wife of a Minor's Sister* is a perfect example of how to throw the viewer's attention onto the story's ideological and exterior rhemes. As in *Rosetta*, the bar that was used as the cover story for Chermi is also a tourist attraction, disappointing everyone who goes in and finds it's nothing like the famous Chermi eat, Roll, some reviewers reveal, scolding tourists who only evaluate the city based on what they've seen on TV. The producers of *Major Glory* (Major, please Minnesota) worryingly think about her house in the cinema for Mary Beth's sister's house, after the show went on the air, the owner became infamous as the location of terrorism that the bang on "IMPEACH NERSON" banner cut off his window to prevent anyone filming it for TV news.

So in Milwaukee, preparing to celebrate a leather-jacketed holiday, is a *Black* story is the perfect illustration of other cities split between people who like the being associated with *Black* TV shows and people who would rather forget the whole thing. And the divide is a house on Bremer's website includes recordings of angry phone messages he's received from Torco-locals, including death threats and at least one person's promise to be the *Black*. Well, if a financial situation can get a moment that's usually reserved for military leaders, can she then be a story itself? ■



ACCORDING TO TV **HILLARY AND BARACK**
Hillary Clinton was in Philadelphia today and told the crowd that she's like the movie character Rocky. Now if I remember the movie correctly it doesn't Rocky get the crap beat out of him and then he goes to the block gym? —Jay Leno

"Over the weekend, Barack went bowling in Allentown, Pa. He didn't do well. In fact, he bowled a 32. I bowled a 37 when I was a baby. And I was drunk, he was the way I—Jimmy Kimmel



THE YOUNG@HEART CHORUS, featured in a new documentary, has been performing together—give or take a few members—for 35 years

A last waltz on walkers and oxygen

'I Want to be Sedated' turns into a different kind of punk anthem when the singer is 93

BY BRIAN D. JENSEN • When you film a documentary, you hope for the unexpected. Up to a point. When the makers of *Gimme Shelter* shot the Rolling Stones' Alamo City concert in 1970, cameras captured the falling of a black teenager brandishing a gun in front of the stage; a mouse got turned into a milestone that marked the death of the hip pie device. *Young@Heart* is about a rock act even older than the Stones are today—performers in their 70s, 80s and 90s, whose repertoire includes Jimi Hendrix, the Clash, David Byrne, Sam Smith, Coldplay and the Talking Heads. But what started out as a sweet, funny film about geriatric rockers took an unexpected gravitas when two of its stars died days before the group's dramatic concert. It was decided the show must go on. And the film deepened into a poignant drama of mortality, loss, perseverance and triumph—everything, in other words, that Hollywood spends millions trying to simulate.

Death is nothing new to the Young@Heart Chorus, whose membership has the belated remembrance of a nursing home. Based in Northampton, Mass., this music-theater troupe has been singing, acting and touring in various incarnations for a quarter-century. In that time, some 70 members have died. Bob Gilman, the group's 93-year-old founder and director, who has watched them all come and go, is sanguine about it. "Sometimes people are performing to the last moment," he says. "It's hard because you're not prepared. But at least they didn't have to go through that period of deepening in hospitals. They just went. That's something people about that. What I can always count myself with is that I was with these people at an amazing time at the end of their life when they were doing

something as exciting as anything they did in the whole of their life."

New spring came reality after galvanizing the festival circuit for the past year, *Young@Heart* is the kind of crowd-pleaser that has audiences laughing, crying or even dancing in the aisles. (It finds its most avid audience in college campuses. Seniors, oddly enough, are not a good demographic; Gilman has learned, because they don't know the songs and don't get the irony.) "If you have an audience of all old people," he says, "it can be completely deadly."

The movie covers seven weeks in the life of the chorus, as they struggle to learn new songs for a business performance quickly mounted for the film. The material, strategically selected by Gilman, takes on new meaning coming from the mouths of veterans. When 90-year-old Edna Hall belts out *Should I Stay or Should I Go* by the Clash, a song about a relationship pursued on older women's own life and death. A few members are blatantly homophobic, such as Bowie's Golden Bore and the late Gene's *Stayin' Alive*. The film's British director, Steven Walker, also created some music videos for the film, including one for the Ramones' *I Wanna Be Sedated*, which he shot in an old-age home.

"I *Wanna Be Sedated* is my least favorite of the videos," says Gilman, "because it does

come across as aggressive. There's a lot of people have to be careful of and everyone is a while we get on it with stuff that tends to be more comic than soulful." But Walker insists the nursing-home video of *Sedated* isn't just a joke. "It's a punk song sung by 80-year-olds with colossal anger and protest about what it's like to be in those sorts of places."

Gilman initially discouraged Walker's bid to make a movie. Having built the chorus from scratch, he treats them as serious artists, not a novelty act. And he's protective of them, especially when confronted with a English director/broadcaster who swoops in for a few weeks and tends to patronize the old folks with too many one-up questions. Before becoming *Young@Heart*'s impresario, Gilman was a fixture on Northampton's art colony, doing everything from playing in a band called the Selfish Monks. Instead of portraying a guy who's in a foreign country, he also worked as a projectionist, which wasn't paying the bills. So he took a job running a retail service for seniors, and soon he was directing singalongs. Since then, his chorus has evolved into a professional troupe that has taken critically acclaimed tours of Europe.

Some members of the chorus perform with walkers, and one singer's breath control involves an oxygen tank. But no one had died for two years. Right after the first death, the chorus was booked to play a concert in a prison yard, where they sang Bob Dylan's *Forever Young*. Handcuffed criminals wept. ■



WE'RE STALKING... ANDY RODDICK

A star on the tennis court, Roddick has been less successful in *Barman*, as he admits: "I was a major blur for a while," he says. "I'm not really proud of that." Nor is he particularly proud of a colleague named "Andy Roddick." "I was paid a huge creative team for that name. I'm surprised you haven't heard of it. It's huge." Launched in 2006, it seems to have failed. "We've sold nine bottles," Roddick says. "Or is it 10? Did not sell another one today?"



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DYKSTRA takes a cue from the Valley: the role requires him to act, sing—and play piano like a demon. ‘We’re pushing it right to the edge.’

Bigger, bouncier great balls of fire

Ted Dykstra reignites the Jerry Lee Lewis magic that changed his life two decades ago

BY WILLIAM D. JOHNSON In 1967, when *Dy-Sylars* was first cast in *Pine-Apple*, play loosely based on the life of rock 'n' roll dancer Jerry Lee Lewis—one of the show's writers—during their young years, *neodekadence* was something the Metropolitan producers: So he had him off to a strip bar. "I was going," recalls David Scaue, who co-wrote the play with Paul London. "He needed to make a last gift to his bar dancing, so he spoke." Without rehearsal, Young slipped a stripper \$100 to play *Dy-Sylars* with his dance. At the same place he went to work, which he did for 10 songs. The stripper was amazed, and called him for sex. But *Dy-Sylars*'s remission, *Dy-Sylars* lay elsewhere: he would be in a last night with a woman who was a dancer. *Dy-Sylars* was a dancer in the Atlantic Ocean. Now, 20 years later, *they* in entered with two kids. And *Dy-Sylars* is burning up the stage in a remnant of *Pine-Apple*—as last season's music dancer.

Co-produced by Toronto's Canadian Stage Company and Edmonton's Capital Theatre, where it runs through next April 16—their most popular and rockiest in an American market—this play that seems so new relevant now that when it was written. The dramatic revolution around a feud between two brothers, their aunts assigned by the belittling London and his television; co-star Jeremy Swagart. Dykstra's role requires him to sing, sing—and play piano like a demon. Mostly he has his fingers, pounding the keys into a blur of braided triplets. For Good Guys into. Mostly, his foot circles onto the keyboard, and he exemplifies with his butt, leaning on the right legs with parade that raises a cheer from the audience: every time. "This is probably the best button I've ever done," mused Dykstra, allowing himself a final of dramatic

Then playing in just one of the city's myriad talismans, which also include director, costume and writing. He still gushes about the time he got fired from the Stratford Festival for suggesting, in an essay, words that he saw himself as a Renaissance man. It was 1998 and Dylanka was 24. He had just spent a year at Stratford's Young Company, under the legendary John Neville. When Neville moved on to become the festival's overall artistic director, his replacement, Tom Korman, told the young actor after Korman interviewed him about his ambitions: "I said I wanted to act and direct and write. He said, 'You can't do all three. You can do all three if you're an actor, you have to be dedicated to that and only that.' That's Stratford. Blah, blah, blah."

Dykens got his revenge: He would return to Stratford to play *Borsani* in *Mulhennes Night's Dream* and *Ariel* in *The Tempest*. On other stages across the country, the actors born and raised in the Elmira suburb took to the stage. Albert as the son of Dutch immigrants would play leading roles from Hamlet to Glenn Gould, and diver, plays for Cardigan Neptune and Soapopera theatres. His biggest success was the phenomenal hit *A Passion for Music*, which he created in 1996 with co-star Richard Greenfield. This musical com-

After two decades, DeVos finally feels

qualified to play the middle-aged version of his character in *After*. And he's a better musician. The soon-Lewis play, and *Dylatra* is just as ungraceful. "Like piano playing a race-around," Lordeon confesses. "It's not just doing the standard Jerry Lee stuff. He's pushing it right to the edge of chaos." As evangelism influences U.S. politics, Five new seasons premiere: *Star Dylatra* finally gets what so can claim for American audiences. "The fact the brothers don't recognize it and is very Canadian," he says. "As to the motion of a play with music that isn't a musical. It's never about harming to the audience and expressing a private emotion none of the other characters can hear."

Dylathian was now writing a real Broadway-style musical for Mirvish Productions called *Evangelina*. Set in the 18th century, it's based on a Longfellow poem about a woman who was parted from her fiancé on their wedding day during the expulsion of Acadians from Nova Scotia. In the poem—which Dylathian's wife brought to his attention—the woman never finds her man. Dylathian says his *Evangelina* will have a happy ending. But he doesn't plan to write it. Instead he hopes to add one final strand to his repertoire—collecting royalties without lifting a finger again. ■



IN ONE TAKE, Saylor Thomaan asks the PI to investigate if her brother was giving her ex-boyfriend money during her custody dispute.

Tinker, Taylor, Hollywood spy

The trial of Anthony Pellicano, PI to the stars, takes a curiously Canadian detour

BY NICHOLAS ROßLER AND HEREDIA AGDELLAN • In better days, when he was the thug-guy-to-try for Hollywood muscle (much less legal trouble), Anthony Peñafiel was die-hard-learned man to be comforted in dreams, calling the women "boozies," the men "brother." But on this day, in a Los Angeles courtroom, the passive one was the aggressor. Peñafiel, 36, a Hispanic man with glasses, a mustache, and a permanent frown, looked at interjections such as "Objection!" Peñafiel is accused of engaging in illegal spying tactics to give his clients "a tactical advantage in litigation," says an indictment filed in U.S. District Court. The trial has dragged on as its translators (a number of entertainment lawyers, including comedian Chick Rock, who hired Peñafiel as a consultant a mere nine months after starring in *Boyz n the City*) have argued over the evidence. Friday, in Rock's departure, many reporters covering the trial left also. They missed a witness, and certainly Caroleen, Jetson's

The courtship didn't stop when Taylor Thomson, daughter of the late Canadian media tycoon Ron Thomson, and one of the world's wealthiest women, was in the midst of a custody dispute with her estranged boyfriend in 2002: when alleged Pelecano probe into whether her brother, David Thomson, now the 2nd Baron Thomson of Fleet and chairman of Thomson Corp., might be providing money to Michael Ledeen, the neo-fascist in question.

The request, worthy of a scene from a Raymond Chandler novel, was contained in a 10-minute audio recording of an April 11, 2002, phone conversation between Taylor and Pellicone played in court by prosecutors. On it, Taylor asks him to probe the backgrounds of both Kalish and her former nanny, Pamela Miller. Taylor had fired Miller in 2002 after she had

and money, who says she was concerned about Taylor's well-being, wrote an affidavit in support of Kolman's bid for more time with the girl. "I want you to do whatever you can to get whatever information you need to see Pamela," Taylor tells Pullman on tape. "I'm not gonna ask any questions," she adds. "It's the same thing with Michael. I really want you to dig back into Michael's background because he's hotter than thou."

Tyler and Pellucio US\$50,000 in exchange for his name. In subsequent months, prosecutors say, a Pellucio associate also set up two fast-food restaurants and other ventures on Balboa. Miller and some members of Miller's family, including his elderly parents, "were found to have no information" found where his parents are, Pellucio tells Tyler's attorney, Jennifer Morgan, in another recording. "We need to discredit her," he adds. Tyler (Pellucio uncovered the audio from computer hard drives found at the Sunset Boulevard office) kept by Pellucio, who had a Neosman seat (for recording himself).

"Is there any way you can check to see if my brother's done any other bank transfers to Michael?" Taylor asks on tape. She knows of one transfer from David's account to Koles, she says, but wants to know if there were others. "It can be checked, but not easily,"

says, "David lives near you?" he asks "Yeah," she says. "But David is at the office most of the time. Hal?" he says "Yes," she says. Later he says, "Tina, you got 1/3 of anything" [Court heard no evidence: Pillman investigated farther money transfer between the two.] "Tina gets one," she concludes. "I have to take [her daughter] to ballet and to school."

In court on Friday, at the request of prosecutors, Miller described the visits of Taylor and Niagara: "From your involvement in the child custody dispute, I asked a prosecutor, 'Do you know whether Mr. Thompson letted [sic] David proceed from his to his kids?'" replied Miller. "He was paying for Michael's airfare [sic]. Pelicans, who is representing us, said that he was not going to let David take the kids leading up to her appearance. Taylor's lawyer had sought to 'interview and collect' Miller's testimony through a message the court ultimately ignored. She and Miller use a history of misleading legal tactics, and say one that led to the destruction of a diary Miller kept while Taylor was away. Asked by a prosecutor if the ever worried for Taylor's child, Miller, who claimed a strained grandfather, said national concerns. "I was proud of him and giving her, and that's not the best thing I can say about her," she said. "I was," she said. Ontario, Miller described the sex influence her family allegedly suffered at Pelicans's hands. "This is outrageous," she said. Miller's employer says as the people who filed him. ■

HISBEHAVIOR: SIEGFRIED AND ROY
According to the Las Vegas performers' former security chief, who's written a tell-all, when their Steven Eiger, Siehn, exposed from a hairy bikini, Roy demanded it be recreated. The problem was, writes *Life* scribe Mychal, the tiger wouldn't fit in the fur suit. It fell to Mychal to sew the cat up so Roy (who was maimed by a tiger in 2003) could add Siehn to a collection while still going hot. "He had arms lined up in his bedroom," Mychal writes.



PERFORMANCE OF THE WEEK SCUBA IRONING

While a stingy snowed past, 72 Aussies scuba-divers attended their morning boards, pressing clothes three metres under water. The event, staged in Melbourne, set a record for the number of divers pressing clothes under water. The "extreme ironing" event was intended to beat a world record of 70 people ironing under water. The "ironists" were required to stay on the bottom with all 72 were ready to press (some isolated to the surface).



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There's good news and I have bad news. The bad news is that earth is going to be environmentally destroyed and we're all going to be horribly, horribly killed. The good news is it might happen before Michael Bay can finish making another stupid Transformers movie. Fingers crossed.

You said that right: according to a lawsuit filed in Missouri, the earth—our home planet and all of God's lovely gift to it—will be reborn and before the end of the year. You may well come at the headline out of space, it's not of gigantic proportions to our creations, not even of a vengeful God worthy of being asked to alter the outcome of particular sporting events and human pregnancy tests. No, the planet we know and love will be destroyed by... by... by nukes. And not just by any nukes—by physicists, the polyester-dilettantes of the nerd populace.

The lawsuit, filed by a former nuclear safety officer, among others, calls for a prohibition on the use of the now 18-billion particle accelerator that's nearing completion under the border between France and Switzerland. The suit claims that when the Large Hadron Collider is switched on later this year, the case of discharge of energy will create a tiny black hole with the potential to consume the entire earth. That is a complex scientific phenomenon known in the parlance of particle physicists as "had."

As we learned from the original Star Trek series, black holes are a riposte of space with gravitational fields so powerful that they make stardust captives almost comically heavy. But it might not be a black hole that kills us. The lawsuit, filed by a former nuclear safety officer and others, argues the Collider also has the potential to create something called a "strangelet," which would suck our planet into what the New York Times described as "a shrunken dense-dead lump" no more than

100 miles in diameter. (Even under such a scenario, it is estimated that 66 per cent of Americans would continue to drive their SUVs to the corner store.)

It's important to note that the allegations in the court documents are just that—allegations. People file lawsuits every day, and most of them are groundless and without merit, especially the one filed after I took off my shirt while enjoying the lower (breezy, snug) heat. I can't deny the attractiveness of my "man beach" and my "morning eight muscled about [ill O']".

For their part, scientists insist there's nothing so worry about—that the odds of earth being destroyed by the accelerator are equal to the chance someone winning a national lottery

fantasy goes, this one has personality. Collectively, the top academic minds at the Large Hadron Collider have easily outdone most purple muppets per capita than any dense graphic other than Chubbly's *Shrinky Boys* with *Teletubbies* Women. And now with a flip of the switch they can blast their innovations into cosmic dust—and de-structure the canal *The Hills* in the bargain. "Implying."

When he's done, let's not get us caught up in panicking and having said, you may possibly live with me that we overlook the fact we've had a good run as a species, mastered the whole big bang thing. Learn to communicate through speech, invented the egg McWhiffles. And that might just have to be enough, what with the final scenario described by the people



The planet we love may be destroyed by nerds. And not by any nerds—by physicists!

three days ago now. And they've implemented a regimen of rigourous protocols, including high-tech monitoring of energy levels and trucking the power monitoring sent to the thing when they first run it on.

We are instead being urged to focus on what may be learned underground at the accelerator's 27-km circular tunnel. Researchers insist the Large Hadron Collider will help solve some of the deepest and most enduring mysteries of our universe—resolving the missing links in the Standard Model of particle physics and also how the Dark-Sector Physics. Physicists (current theory) have. Physicists hold out hope that the accelerator will confirm the existence of supersymmetric particles. Plus it might give us the superpowers, and then we'll see who gets who a hard one about dark problems, boys.

But are their scientific findings something? Is there actually a much greater likelihood of doomsday? Well, I have to admit, as revenge

behind the lawsuit. They make the case that even if the black hole doesn't materialize, overall the experiment is needed, then remains a chance the accelerator could be off a chain reaction that would cause all processes on earth to decay.

Now personally, I'd make the case that protocols had it coming—after all, they do help to form the physical nature on which Celine Dion's music is recorded, and that's not some thing you're just going to get away with. That said, I am reliably informed that certain things can't exist without proteins, such as the universe or, more importantly, are. The question then is whether the eradication of the Celine Dion discography across all of space and time is worth the permanent eradication of all existence. I'm going to have to say yes. ■

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ZORAN VUJOVIC

1988-2006

Everybody liked him, but he had a secret life. In an online forum, he wrote, 'I would die for Kosovo.'

Zoran Vujovic was born on Jan. 22, 1988, in Skopje, the capital of Macedonia, to an Albanian Yugoslav. His mother, Ljubisa, a housewife, and his father, Milan, an engineer, were both Serbs from Pristina, the capital of the Serbian autonomous province of Kosovo. But because of the tensions between Serbians and ethnic Albanians, they did not want the Albanian doctors in their city, and traveled to Skopje, a one-hour drive away, for Zoran's birth. When they returned with the healthy baby, the celebration went on for days. The happiness of all was grandfather Zoran, after whom the rite was named. Little Zoran was the first grandson, and could do whatever he wanted. He grew up with his grandfather, playing hockey on his back and pulling his hat. Zoran was baptized on his first birthday in an Orthodox Christian church, St. Nicholas, in Pristina. He was very young when he learned how to read, making all his teachers laugh in his daycare school. Zoran loved to dance, playball, and soccer, his neighbors with his cousin's brother, Laza, who was born in 1990.

The family had a good life in Pristina. They didn't have much, but they always managed to take holidays in the Balkans or at the seaside. In 1994, Zoran began attending elementary school, Dostoyevsky, in Pristina, and for another five years, life was peaceful and carefree. Later, as a teenager, he would tell his girlfriend Katarina stories about his grandfather and a good friend, who was Albanian. He would also talk about how he enjoyed throwing snowballs in winter, playing a children's game that had only one rule: "No Serbs against little Albanians."

By 1999, the family's idyllic times had ended. Ethnic differences in Kosovo had exploded into warfare between the Kosovo Liberation Army and Serbian forces. Armed widespread atrocities, many of them committed against ethnic Albanians, NATO entered the fray after the massacre of Albanians in the town of Rask, bombing Serbian positions and targets in Kosovo to force Slobodan Milosevic, leader of what was left of Yugoslavia, to negotiate. But the end of that campaign in June 1999, and expulsion by Belgrade, left Kosovo's minority Serbs in the mercy of Albanians. In August 1999, Zoran's great grandmother, Ljubisa, an old lady in her 80s, was found strangled in her bathtub. People decided it was a curse—"Albanians did it," says Katarina, looking down at her hands. "Zoran's grandpa, her son, died soon after. Of sorrow."

Zoran, his brother and three sisters had already fled to Novi Sad, the capital of the northern district of Serbia called Vojvodina,

as tens of thousands of Serbs from Kosovo became refugees. In Novi Sad, Zoran attended a small Hungarian-Serbian school, Petar Stancic. He loved sports, but above all, he was a dedicated fan of the big girl soccer club Arsenals, Partizan. It became his secret life, almost all Serbian soccer clubs are connected to ultra-nationalist leaders, and their fans became loyalists to political causes.

But in his day-to-day existence, Zoran continued to spend a lot of time with his family, especially his mother, Ljubisa, sitting and talking to her for hours. It was while he attended Jovan Vukobratovic High School that he fell in love. "His first love was at a high school football game, and sent a message, but I didn't reply," says Katarina. "After that I saw him again in the city center. Then I sent him a message. For two years, we've been together." Katarina, a slim, brown-haired pharmacy student, lives with her family in a three-room apart near Novi Sad. In her day room, with its pink walls, Zoran spent a lot of time, "because at his house he shared his room with his brother Laza." Katarina says, They enjoyed walking near the Danube and eating in the local Gato pizzeria. The only thing he never wanted to do was take her to football games: the stadium was too place for her, he said.

On Feb. 17, Kosovo declared independence from Serbia. From the U.S. and parts of Europe, support came quickly for the Kosovans, angering many Serbs. Zoran wrote in Partizan online forum: "I would die for my mother. I would die for Kosovo." Days later, on the morning of Feb. 21, he

got ready to go to a protest against Kosovo's independence at Belgrade. Katarina stayed home. She wasn't worried. "Zoran always found a way out of trouble," she says. Zoran said goodbye to his father at 1:40 p.m., and went to the railway bus station with his friends Nikola and Miljan, also fans of the Partizan soccer club. The trip to Belgrade, 80 km from Novi Sad, was free, courtesy of the Serbian government. Parking for protesters in Belgrade was also free. Return tickets were free. It was like a national holiday.

At 1:45 p.m. the first fervent speeches sounded from the main stage, built especially for the event. A group of young people, drunk and sporting religious and political quotes, advanced on the American Embassy on Knez Milosavicev. Zoran was among them. The protesters destroyed the building's doors and the bars on the windows, then set the building on fire. Zoran was overcome by the smoke. Katarina was a last message to him that night at 6:30, but his phone had already melted. The next day, his father identified his body by a gold chain and a metal belt buckle.

Zoran was 20.

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